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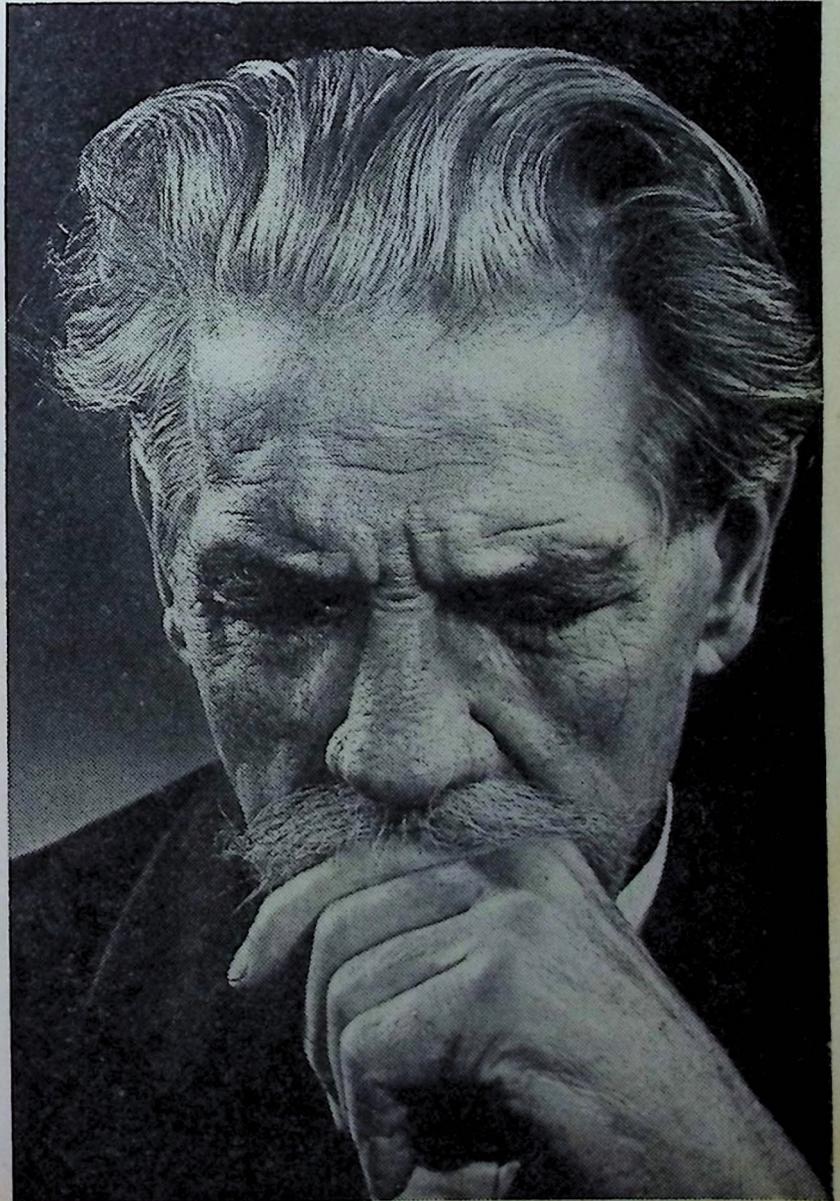
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WE MUST KNOW

*Enrol your church in Action
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POVERTY

JULIUS NYERERE (Africa)

POVERTY is not the real problem of the modern world, for we have the knowledge and the resources which will enable us to overcome poverty. The real problem of the modern world, the thing which creates misery, wars, and hatred amongst men, is the division of mankind into rich and poor . . .

It is not simply that one man has more food than he can eat, more clothes than he can wear, and more houses than he can live in, while others are hungry, unclad, or homeless . . . It is not simply that one nation has the resources to provide comfort for all its citizens and the other cannot provide basic services. The reality and the depth of the problem arises because the man who is rich has power over the lives of those who are poor, and the rich nation has power over the policies of those who are not rich. And even more important is that . . . the rich get ever richer and more powerful, while the poor get relatively ever poorer and less able to control their own future.

Both nationally and internationally this division of mankind into a tiny minority of rich and a great majority of poor is rapidly becoming intolerable to the majority, as it should be. The poor nations and the poor peoples of the world are already in rebellion. If they do not succeed in securing a change which leads towards greater justice, then that rebellion will become an explosion.

From "Poverty is Not the Problem."

CALL TO SACRIFICE

BARBARA WARD (Europe)

HIGH consumption means high wastes. All too often the effluents from the high consumer economy is not only polluting the rich nation's own streams and airsheds. It is slopping out into the oceans and, apparently, raising the temperature of the entire planet. If these results follow from the high standards of only a quarter of humanity, what might not happen to planet earth if three-quarters sought the same levels of income? We cannot disconnect our economic activities from the air systems and the oceans and waters upon which all life ultimately depends. Overloading the biosphere is now a recognisable risk. Do the rich then say to the poor: "Bad luck. While we keep our standards, you must hold down yours in the interests of human survival."? Once again, the ultimate issue of distributive justice stares us in the face.

The need is for a thorough-going reconsideration of our own social structures and personal living standards. Many of us profit only too lavishly by patterns of ownership and income which makes us the elite of the earth. Let us make a personal sacrifice, to a modesty of living more in keeping with the demands of local and international justice.

Address at Third World Synod of Bishops, Rome 1971.

DEHUMANISING

DENIS GOULET (U.S.A.)

UNDERDEVELOPMENT is shocking: the squalor, disease, unnecessary deaths, and hopelessness of it all! No man understands if underdevelopment remains for him a mere statistic reflecting low income, poor housing, premature mortality, or underemployment. The most emphatic observer can speak objectively about underdevelopment only after undergoing, personally or vicariously, the "shock of underdevelopment."

But why must those who are not destitute experience the reality of dehumanising existence? Because the prevalent emotion of underdevelopment is a sense of personal and societal impotence in the face of disease and death, of confusion and ignorance as one gropes to understand change, of servility toward men whose decisions govern the course of events, of hopelessness before hunger and natural catastrophe. Chronic poverty is a cruel kind of hell: and one cannot understand how cruel that hell is merely by gazing upon poverty as an object. Unless the observer gains entry into the inner sanctum of these emotions and feels them himself, he will not understand the condition he seeks to abolish . . .

From The Cruel Choice, Chapt. 1, part 1; Atheneum, 1971.

PLOWS AND SWORDS

IVAN ILLICH (Latin America)

IT is now common to demand that the rich nations convert their war machine into a programme for the development of the Third World. The poorer four-fifths of humanity multiply unchecked while their per capita consumption actually declines. This population expansion and decrease of consumption threaten the industrialised nations, who may still, as a result, convert their defence budgets to the economic pacification of the poor nations. And this in turn could produce irreversible despair, because the plows of the rich can do as much harm as their swords . . .

We have embodied our world view into our institutions and are now their prisoners. Factories, news media, hospitals, governments, and schools produce goods and services packaged to contain our view of the world. We — the rich — conceive of progress as the expansion of these establishments. We conceive of heightened mobility as luxury and safety packaged by General Motors or Boeing . . .

We must seek survival in a Third World in which human ingenuity can peacefully outwit machined might. The only way to reverse the disastrous trend to increasing underdevelopment, hard as it is, is to learn to laugh at accepted solutions in order to change the demands which make them necessary. Only free men can change their minds and be surprised . . .

"Outwitting the Developed Countries,"

CHRIST CARES: IF WE CARE

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

THE Australian Aborigines, after being a forgotten entity for years are suddenly in the limelight. People who have had little or no connection with these folk are becoming vocal in their criticism of anyone who has tried to help. Pleas for more housing, better education, more finance are heard on every side from sincere and well-meaning people. Cries of discrimination and paternalism are levelled at Governments, Missions and others who have endeavoured to lift the standard of the Abori-

By DON. P. BUTLER

gine. Most of these criticisms come from those who are concerned about the Australian Aborigines and are genuine in their desire to see more done for them. Even though the concern is genuine, criticism of organisations who have helped the Aborigines over the years is not constructive and comes mostly from those who are uninformed.

TIMES ARE CHANGING

Our Mission work amongst the Aborigines which has been going on for over thirty years has achieved a great deal in meeting the needs of the people, helping them to fit into the community and bringing them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. For many years our Mission work, along with others, had to battle along with very little or no public interest, with most financial help coming from the brotherhood and hardly any financial help from the Government. Today things have changed considerably. Tremendous public interest is centred on the Aboriginal. Each day our newspapers carry several news items on Aboriginal welfare, etc. More Government support is available and sympathetic consideration given in cases of extreme emergency. Many new bodies have come into being to assist the Aboriginal. The Aboriginal Advancement League, Abschol, the Aborigine Evangelical Fellowship, the New Era Aboriginal Fellowship and Nadoc are just some of the bodies working for the betterment of these people.

With such interest being shown it is no wonder that the Government, Missions and others receive criticism. Some of it is justified. Missions have made mistakes as they have tried to understand the mind of the Aborigine and as they have endeavoured to help. The point is that they did at least try to assist in the face of public apathy and distrust. It is to their credit that many Aboriginal people have been helped and given opportunities which they never had previously. The Government, too, has done much to meet the need. Much finance has been expended in housing, education, medical care, grants and assistance of other kinds. Of course, the Government has made mistakes. It is willing to concede this, but it has done a great deal which is good and which has proved beneficial. The work is so vast that it is very easy for anyone to be critical. It is true that more could and should be done but more is being achieved by the Government, Missions, Leagues, Fellowships, etc., than ever before.

PROGRESS

Our Mission work today is progressive. We keep ourselves informed on Aboriginal planning. We are continually rethinking our policy and approach in order to keep abreast of the situation. Over the past twelve months outreach has become a recognised part of our Mission work. The move into the hostel field in the metropolitan area is another development. The possibility of further work at Kalgoorlie, W.A., and in the North-West of W.A. is before us as well as Port Lincoln in S.A.

It is good to see the swing in public opinion which has come and continual adjustment and assessments need to be made in Mission activity. The thing to remember is this. With all the assistance being given by the Government as well as other interested organisations it is only the Christian Church with its message of reconciliation with God through the blood of Jesus Christ which can change a person within. Material help is necessary and much has been done for the physical salvation of Aboriginal children and adults, but the ultimate aim of every missionary is to so present Christ that people will accept him as their Saviour and know that eternal salvation which he has provided.

N.S.W. C.W.F. CONFERENCE

370 ladies represented 40 city and 12 country fellowships at the 78th Annual Conference held for the first time at the Stanwell Tops Christian Convention Centre, April 26, 1972.

The President was Mrs. U. Lewis. Mrs. Anderson, from W.A., Miss Nola Mobbs, New Guinea, and Miss Judy Lungran, from Iowa, U.S.A., and many past presidents were in attendance. New ministers' wives welcomed were Mesdames Berthelsen, Jones, Timms, and Kallmier. The General Conf. Sec., Ron. Hewitt, was also greeted. The President, Ron. Bartholomew, brought the greeting from General Conf.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Elsmore, presented the financial statement. The budget amounted to \$2,130.59, and the Special Effort for Fridge/Freezer for the Woolwich

Bible College, \$1,150. The 1972 Special Effort is for Social Service Dept. to provide ward furnishings to the Pendle Hill Nursing Hospital. A recommendation was received from the Finance Committee that the 1972 budget be increased to \$2,030.

"Expect a Miracle" was the theme of the challenging message given by Mrs. Shirley Mansell, from Wollongong. The Devotional Session was led by the Incoming President, Mrs. Ruth Wakely, of Belmore, who also presented her programme for the year. The theme, "Render Reasonable Service unto the Lord." Guest soloists were Miss Bettye Harcus.

Mrs. Beckingham introduced the incoming officers, superintendents and committee members, Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, of Lane Cove, led in the Prayer of Dedication.

Mrs. Lewis welcomed Mrs. Wakely as the new President. Mrs. Wakely responded and presented Mrs. Lewis with a copy of the scriptures and thanked her for her inspirational leadership throughout the year.

Office-bearers for 1972-73: President, Mrs. C. Wakely; President-elect, Mrs. R. Bent; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. Mansell, Mrs. I. Porter, Mrs. M-Kenzie; Secretary, Mrs. D. Beckingham; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Elsmore; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. R. Webb; Publicity Secretary, Mrs. I. Torode.

Mrs. Lewis thanked all who had contributed in any way, especially to Mrs. Coleman and her helpers for the floral arrangements and Mrs. Armstrong and her helpers for the catering work.

—I. J. Webb, Asst. Sec.

MIGRATION —PATTERNS OF PATERNALISM

By ALAN MATHESON

THE visit of President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet to Melbourne earlier this century was reported in great detail by the newspapers of the day. One noted that "Melbourne won an unofficial record for the most parties and entertainments in a single day. Some American seamen were rarely sober and 250 succumbed to the hospitality and were officially left behind without trace.

Now according to some, Melbourne has changed little. However the ways and means by which migrants are reaching our shores has drastically changed since those earlier days.

Immigration has played an integral part in our development, and will continue to play a significant role in the future. For 20 years there has been little political partisan thinking on migration . . . all agreed it was good and necessary. However, for the first time since its inception, Australia's post war migration policy is beginning to emerge as a political issue over which much fire and brimstone will be breathed before the electors go to the polls in 1972.

There can be little doubt that this post war programme has contributed dramatically and spectacularly to the way of life we now enjoy. The diversity and richness of differing customs, traditions, languages, religions, have all added much to our society. For a country that has always suffered culturally, politically and artistically from its isolation, a vigorous migration policy is the most effective conceivable way of attaining social diversity.

There appears to be a growing wave of doubt and questioning of the present policy on economic and environmental grounds—implicitly it is being suggested that the quality of life in Australia is being threatened. This kind of direct relationship between migration and a whole host of social and urban problems seems to me to be but a peculiar psychological and philosophical aberration.

We are able to make this kind of relationship, to blame migrants for our problems of environment and essential services, because of a deepseated paternalism in our community. By talking of the "migrants" or the "new Australians," we deny to them their uniqueness, their individuality, their personal, cultural, historical meaning and identity.

Some see our response and reaction to the ethnic groups in our community as racist, prejudiced, antagonistic, apathetic, accepting, or one of straight out discrimination. However I believe that it is the concept of paternalism which more accurately describes our attitudes. And by paternalism I simply mean we see them as objects and not people.

PATERNALISM

● It matters not where they come from: Sicily, Chile, Scotland or Macedonia . . . they're all migrants.

● It matters not how long they have been here: 20 days or 20 years . . . they're still new Australians.

When we deny them their individuality, their cultural diversity, we deny them as persons, and regard them as objects. Is that too harsh a judgment? Every government since 1947 has expounded a policy of migration based on the need to be nationally secure and economically developed. New settlers, to use current usage, are often seen as little more than appendages to gross national product; an attitude summed up in the reported

comments of an eminent figure of Melbourne town who explained a few days ago, "find me a sewer trench or a gas main not worked by an Italian or Greek migrant and I would be amazed. Our own people are of course the foreman."

Because we are able to think like this, because we often see them as so many bodies added to the workforce, so many hands, so much manpower, we are able to think of them in terms of statistics, quotas and yearly targets to be achieved. Much of the current talk on quality rather than quantity suggests show horses or stud cattle rather than people.

POLICY

(A) Take particular note of the way we implement our assisted passage scheme. Neatly we divide the world. Such passages are available to most Europeans, but not to a Ceylonese doctor or the 800 who came from India last year. As the Australian Council of Churches noted, "if these people are good enough to be accepted as Australian citizens they should receive government assistance." But the Acting Minister of Immigration clearly stated that such passages were just not available to non-Europeans.

(B) One of the most suspect areas of present policy is the relationship between selection and annual target figures. The tragedies in the selection process are one of the saddest aspects of our whole policy.

"The Commonwealth Government a short while ago repatriated a Macedonian family in which four children were mentally retarded; they all had undergone a routine health check before coming to Australia; the circumstances of the parents and the condition of the children made Australia impossible as a home."

While we have annual targets, while we follow a policy of obtaining as many as possible in 12 months, the selection and screening process is threatened. We are continually going to be confronted with such survey findings as . . . "nearly 25% of migrant admissions to one psychiatric hospital, had histories of hospitalisation prior to migration."

I have a great deal of sympathy for the selection officer, he has an onerous task—how do you assess integration potential? Nevertheless present practices leave much to be desired.

Scenes of crowded waiting rooms, hurried interviews, selection officers unable to speak the language, medical officers making psychiatric assessments, inadequately informed people, inexperienced selection officers, do little to give credibility to the claim that the selection process is responsible. Pre-embarkation counselling and English courses could be vastly improved. At present English classes are so often characterised by untrained teachers, themselves sometimes poorly versed in English, an absence of creative teaching techniques, together with the fact that the period of waiting so demoralises many that they drop out anyway.

(C) A further insight into the expression of this paternalistic attitude can be found in a number of small but insignificant and unpublicised programmes. Because there was some concern expressed at the sexual imbalance of our intake, a solution was sought in a "single girl" programme from Italy and Greece. The Italian scheme folded after vigorous opposition from the Catholic Church who found that too many girls found themselves in unacceptable situations. The Greek programme continues

Our own case files indicate the depth of the tragedies implicit in such a shortsighted programme. Given little support, short term accommodation, left to fend for themselves, the pattern of isolation, unemployment, unstable personal relationships, illegitimate children, are sad commentaries on a scheme that was well intentioned but hardly realistic.

(Next issue: The End to Paternalism?)

(Notes of an address to Sunday Forum, P.S.A., Wesley Church, Melbourne. Alan Matheson, B.A., Dip. RE., is a Church of Christ minister and a social worker with an experiential welfare and research migrant project of the Australian and Victorian Council of Churches).

ALBERT SCHWEITZER —

Christian Healer

"LIFE" magazine said that Albert Schweitzer would probably be regarded as the man of this century. With still nearly four decades to go, no one has yet appeared to challenge the doctor of Lambarene. In a materialistic, self-seeking era, Schweitzer turned his back on fame, fortune, and things, and made people his great obsession. Indeed, his "reverence for life" philosophy included all living things.

His child prayer was "Dear God! Protect and bless everything that has breath, keep them from evil, and may they sleep in peace."

He was once persuaded by another small boy to go catapulting birds. Afraid of ridicule if he refused, young Albert took his catapult, loaded it with a small pebble and took aim. Just then, the church bells rang out and it seemed to him like a call from heaven. He flung away his catapult, jumped and shouted to scare the birds away, to his friend's great annoyance, and rushed home.

Two of Albert Schweitzer's great decisions were made there on that hillside — one, not to kill any living creature, and the other to have the courage to act on personal conviction.

In this century of the greatest slaughter of men, birds, and beasts the world has ever known . . . in this age when man has lost his way, Schweitzer showed what one man could do in reverence for life and personal dedication.

A new book has been published: "Schweitzer" by George Marshall and David Poling, with a foreword by Rhena Schweitzer. (Geoffrey Bles; \$10.25). Rhena is Schweitzer's daughter.

In a review in "The Age," John Hetherington recalls that one autumn evening in 1904, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, principal of St. Thomas' Theological College in Strasbourg, skimmed through a pile of magazines left by his librarian on his desk.

As he turned over the pages of the monthly journal of the Paris Missionary Society, an article about the Congo mission caught his eye. Having described the desperate need for doctors to ease the sufferings of the native peoples, the writer made an impassioned appeal for someone to come forward and help.

This was the turning point of Schweitzer's life. At 29 he was a celebrity — not only principal of St. Thomas' but also a scholarly author with a wide following and an organist of international reputation. The world was at his feet but it was not enough.

He decided to qualify as a medical doctor and go out to Africa. Most of his friends were aghast. They could not believe that a young man with a brilliant future proposed to immerse himself in an African jungle among primitive tribesmen. His father, a Protestant pastor in the province of Alsace and Lorraine, was cruelly disappointed.

None of the arguments against the course which Schweitzer had chosen swayed him. He was not content merely to profess the Christian faith; he was determined also to live it. Everything he did followed from there.

He once said that his decision was not the result of his having heard the voice of God but was a completely rational decision, consistent with "the patterns and projections" of his life. Being a man with a wry turn of humour, he went on: "Of course, there were theologians who had told him that they had a direct word from God, regarding their lives. He never argued. He only remarked that their ears were sharper than his."

So in March, 1913 — now a doctor of medicine, as well as of theology and philosophy and music — he left France for Equatorial Africa, accompanied by his wife of less than a year, and established a hospital on the island of Lambarene in the immense Ogowe River. His life's work had begun.

To write an effective biography of a saint is notoriously difficult. Albert Schweitzer was perhaps the one indubitable saint of our time, and this biography, for all the care and

research which obviously went into it, falls short. It tells much of what Schweitzer did, said, wrote and thought yet penetrates little if at all below his skin. The authors expend too many words in laborious efforts to say what he was instead of letting his actions and words say it for him. Only now and then do they recount one of those apocalyptic anecdotes which tell more about a man than chapters of learned analysis.

The story of two girls who buttonholed him while he was travelling on a train in America discloses in a few lines something of the essence of the man. "Dr. Einstein," the girls asked, "will you give us your autograph?" Not wanting to disappoint them, as he explained, Schweitzer signed their autograph book, "Albert Einstein, by his friend Albert Schweitzer."

He spent most of his life at Lambarene, healing and soothing, and atoning in his own way for the wrongs the white man had done the black man. The world's praises left him unmoved; and when critics misunderstood his work or his philosophy and condemned him, he shrugged and plodded on.

Buried in the jungle as he was, only a unique human being — a genius, in the full sense of that overworked word — could have become a towering world figure, on a level with such thinkers as Einstein and Bertrand Russell, and possibly above either of them or anybody else.

The magnitude of his influence in his uncompromising opposition to nuclear warfare, his advocacy of reverence for all life, and his work for other causes can only be surmised, not measured, but even the steeliest cynics would hardly argue that he did not cause a large number of men and women to see new lights.

He was 90 when he died at Lambarene on a Saturday night in September, 1965. They buried him in a simple pine coffin and marked his grave with an unadorned cross, but his spirit goes on.

He once said that given time there was no problem the Africans could not solve for themselves "if the civilised nations of Europe and America do not blow themselves and Africa up first." The Africans' hopes — and the Europeans' and Americans' hopes also — of living to solve their problems are better because Albert Schweitzer passed this way.

NAVAL MAN OF PEACE

THERE died a few weeks ago, an admiral who was a war hero, military strategist, consultant to munitions makers, and former British Director of Naval Intelligence. Rear Admiral Sir Anthony Buzzard was also a man of peace.

He encouraged Christian thinkers, policy makers, and military professionals to discuss seriously the ethics of war and peace, defence and disarmament. He helped to found the Institute for Strategic Studies (London) which gathered theologians, military experts and politicians in conversations and studies. When the Institute took on more secular directions Rear Admiral Buzzard was among those who sought a new arena for study and dialogue. Accordingly, he helped to create the Conference on Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament. Since 1963 there have been annual meetings of C.C.A.D.D. involving Britain, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, and the U.S.A.

A tribute in the London "Times" said "Buzzard was concerned to see that Christian standards were upheld and, above all, to find what was possible in the impossible situations which so often arise in international affairs. He was constantly persuading his colleagues to learn from past failures and so to learn the art of peacekeeping."

WOMEN'S LIBERATION BEGAN WITH JESUS

WOMEN'S liberation began with the ministry of Jesus Christ, according to Mrs. Magdalena G. de Parilla of Buenos Aires, Argentina, when she was visiting the U.S.A. "Jesus came and gave to the women their right place." It is God's plan that women have the same rights and responsibilities as men in church work and that women should concern themselves not only with improving conditions in their own countries but in other countries as well," she said.

Mrs. Parilla was elected President of the World C.W.F. at Adelaide World Convention in 1970. Her great-grandfather left Spain for Argentina in 1890 with families who wished to live their evangelical faith in liberty. Mrs. Parilla works with her husband, Luis, in the Villa Mitre Church, and related private school and family counselling centre.

"We were very discouraged to have only 15 to 20 people attending worship when we arrived at Villa Mitre in 1964, Mrs. Parilla said. About eight years later, the church has 74 active families, with a total of 500 families of the community involved in church, school, and centre."

1,000 CHURCHES IN STUDY PROJECT

More than 1,000 churches in Australia have joined in a nation-wide ecumenical campaign designed to increase community sensitivity to poverty, both in Australia and overseas. A further 1,000 churches are expected to enrol before July.

The Action for World Development campaign is expected to be the largest ecumenical undertaking ever attempted in Australia. An estimated 200,000 members of local churches are being formed into groups for the venture.

DEATH OF DR. J. F. GREEN

Dr. Joseph F. Green, Snr., father of Leslie Green, died on April 24, 1972. Dr. Green was Superintendent of the city rescue mission in Ft. Worth, Texas, for 22 years prior to his death. Leslie Green was pastor of the Chatswood church from 1957 until 1962. The address of Leslie K. Green is 2008 Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76114, U.S.A.

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM

Representatives of four Protestant churches in Belgium and the Roman Catholic Church have signed a "Joint Church Declaration of Mutual Recognition of Baptism." The text was drawn up by an official 13-member commission—seven Protestants and six Catholics.

"We recognise together," the document states, "that in our churches the same Baptism of Jesus Christ is administered in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in obedience to the gospel and in accordance with our various constitutions and traditions . . . Despite the real divisions which the Church of Christ has suffered for many centuries and still suffers today, Baptism is a sign by means of which the Holy Spirit even now really gathers the churches together in one and the same faith, charity and hope. The churches are also conscious of being united by a bond of true brotherhood in the Lord."

The declaration is regarded in Belgian ecumenical circles as an encouragement to pursue the dialogue in other aspects of Christian doctrine and pastoral work.
—E.P.S.

● VIC.-TAS.

D.C.E. ACTION

● 80 "Grade 6" girls attended the two camps held at Camp Waterman in the May holidays. For most of the girls this was their first camp.

● 551 boys, leaders and parents attended the recent Explorer Outdoor Sports held at the Scotch College Junior Oval. 26 clubs were represented and 58 groups, Midget, Junior and Senior, took part. Over 20 men and senior boys acted as officials. Pennant winners were Midgets, Glen Waverley; Juniors, Burwood; Seniors, North Williamstown.

● The D.C.E.'s first "Engaged Couples' Encounter" was voted most helpful by those who attended. There will be a "Young Marrieds' Encounter" (8 hours) on Oct. 1.

● A new resource on "Worship Programmes for Girls' Clubs" by Mrs. Lesley Stirling is now available. This is the second resource on this subject written by Mrs. Stirling.

● 30 students at tertiary institutions attended this year's dinner. Dr. Don. Mansell was the guest speaker.

—R. McKenzie, Director.

6th WORLD C.E. CONVENTION

The 6th World (Area 1) C.E. Convention will be held in Pago Pago, Aug. 2-6, 1972. 700 delegates from 25 nations, bounding the Pacific Ocean, will be there.

The World's C.E. Union is divided into two areas. Area 1, with headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., comprises the Americas, South-East Asia, Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand. Area 2 is based in London and comprises Europe, Middle East and Africa.

The 6th World (Area 1) Convention is being organised by the Samoan C.E. Union. Highlights of the Convention will include a civic reception, Ava ceremony, welcome feasts and Pacific Festival.

Guest speakers will include Bishop Clyde Meadows, World C.E. President, of the U.S.A.

Large delegations are expected from many nations. The Australian delegation is open to Endeavourers, Ex-Endeavourers and friends of C.E.

A special Pacific Islands Tour will include the Convention as well as Fiji, Samoa, New Zealand, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

Information concerning the Convention and Tour may be obtained from Rev. Fred J. Nile, National Director, Australian C.E. Office, Box 5093 G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

DEATH OF BIBLE MAN

Dr. Oliver Béguin, general secretary of the United Bible Societies (U.B.S.) died in London on April 1. Born in Locle, Switzerland, in 1914, Dr. Béguin worked among prisoners of war on behalf of the World Council of Churches in process of formation during the Second World War and became acquainted with the work of the Bible Societies. In 1946 he was entrusted with the creation of the U.B.S., an organisation he headed with distinction for 26 years. Under his leadership the U.B.S. became the first world-wide organisation enabling all Christian churches to cooperate in the translation, publication and dissemination of the scriptures.—E.P.S.

R.C. YOUTH LOSE INTEREST

IN a survey of Roman Catholic High School students in New York City, 75% "no longer consider attendance at Sunday mass to be a serious obligation."

R.C. young people today are "not much interested" in working for the church or the State and, since Vatican II, social involvement has replaced traditional religious practices as their primary concern. Up to 90% of them rate religious vocation (serving as priests or nuns) as low on the "good Catholic life scale."

U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS TROUBLES

THE REV. ANDREW YOUNG, a member of the Commission of the Programme to Combat Racism (P.C.R.) and executive vice-president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.), told the P.C.R. Commission that the civil rights movement in the U.S.A. is struggling for survival. The right to vote, he said, is "partial, the war in Vietnam has drained the economy, and the period of assassinations has eliminated leaders in early middle age who were just beginning to see the solution." As a result, he noted, the movement went local and into politics to continue the struggle on another level.

But there has been a "crackdown on this too," he said, citing the fate of the Black Panther Party. He described increased drug traffic in the black neighbourhoods as "recolonisation, which creates a counter-economy, the tragedy of which is that it has no potential for social justice." He pointed to the "tremendous unemployment rate

among young black males of 25% across the nation, 40% in the big cities."

Another American Commission member, Miss Jean Fairfax, director of the Division of Legal Information and Community Service, Legal Defence Fund, saw the prison system as the "most racist manifestation in the U.S.A."—E.P.S.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The World Student Christian Federation plans an Asian leadership development programme this year in the Philippines and Japan.

The programme, co-sponsored by the Y.M.C.A.'s of Japan and the East Asia Christian Conference, will aim to develop new leadership in Asian Christian communities and search for new theological and political perspectives for churches and student groups in Asia.

Participants will live together for two months and hold seminars, workshops and discussions on different aspects of the Christian community's tasks in Asia.

Three basic seminars on the University and Society, Asian realities and hopes, and theological reflections will be conducted.

FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

In a telegram sent to the French Ambassador, the Australian Council of Churches has expressed strong disapproval of the announced intention of the French Government to hold further nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

The Executive Committee of the A.C.C. supported opposition already expressed by the Australian Government and other governments in the area.

"Several churches who are members of this Council have had close relationships with the peoples of the South Pacific over many years. This resolution is an expression of our concern for the welfare of these communities," the telegram stated.

"The possibility of harmful side-effects from nuclear testing is a threat to that welfare. This Executive is convinced that these tests should be cancelled."

CALL TO END S. AFRICAN INVESTMENTS

THE Commission of the Programme to Combat Racism (P.C.R.) of the World Council of Churches in a five-day meeting in New York, has urged that all investments in South Africa be withdrawn. Specific recommendations will be made at the policy-making W.C.C. Central Committee meeting in the Netherlands in August.

This goes further than the 4th Assembly in Uppsala, 1968, which recommended that investments should be withdrawn "from all institutions that perpetuate racism."

The Commission members, who come from 13 countries on six continents, instructed the P.C.R. staff to publicise the extent and nature of the involvement of

multi-national corporations and banks in the economy of southern Africa. The Commission decided to "select targets for appropriate action by the W.C.C., its member churches and related bodies." Shareholder action and confrontation were recognised as "a stage prior to withdrawal."—E.P.S.

WORD TALK No. 52

I HAVE just re-read the story of Joseph (Gen. 37-50).

What a story! Finely polished by centuries of oral transmission his story has everything: ambition, dreams, hope, love, envy, anger, jealousy, hate, sorrow, disappointment, treachery, sex, lust, seduction, vengeance, conquest, success, suffering, sin, respectability! The story is in five settings: *At home and in hardship*. Joseph was the 11th son and the child of his father's old age (37: 3). His mother, Rachel, was previously barren like the mothers of Samuel and John the Baptist. He was his father's favourite, the first son of his favourite wife. His brothers were jealous over his father's favouritism, and Joseph's priggishness. *In slavery and in temptation*. He was sold into Egypt (39: 2-5), a common practice as archaeology shows. Spurning the attempted seduction of Mrs. Potiphar, Joseph was thrown into prison by her vengeful lies. *In prison and in disappointment*. As with many others, prison becomes a place of opportunity (Paul, Bunyan). The Butler and the Baker who became his friends were significant people, the Butler being a trusted advisor to Pharaoh, but on freedom he forgets Joseph (40: 14-15, 23). *In success and achievement*. Two years later Joseph is remembered and his success as a dream interpreter (this was an official position in Egypt with strict rules concerning interpretation!) led him to the position as Minister for Primary Production and eventually Prime Ministership at an age of about 30 (41: 14-57). *In triumph and forgiveness*. The circle turns and Joseph's brothers come buying grain. The cat and mouse game continues tenderly with Joseph showing kindness and acceptance. Joseph died aged 110 years, which according to ancient Egyptian code for Prime Ministers is the ideal age for a Prime Minister to die!

JOSEPH

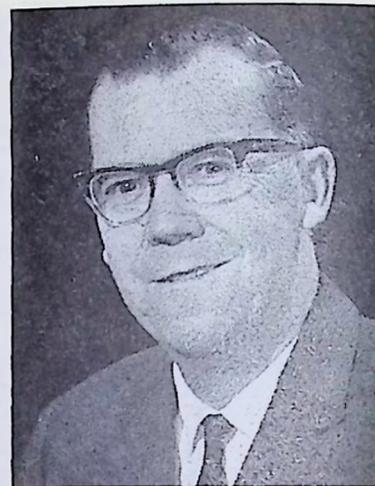
FOR TODAY:

The main theme of the Joseph stories is the fact that God is with us no matter what. God was with Joseph in his family troubles. His elder step-brothers "made his name stink" (literally chap. 34: 30). Although sold by his brothers Stephen says "God was with him." (Acts 7: 9). God was with him in his time of temptation. Temptation came upon him as usual from an unexpected quarter at frequent intervals and at the right opportunity (chap. 39). To yield would have been advantageous but Joseph believed that God was with him and strengthened him in the temptation, "The Lord was with Joseph" (39: 21). God was with Joseph even in prison. Others had found that (Psalm 139). And best of all God was with him in success. For when a man is successful he needs the assurance of God's presence most of all. Whatever happened with Joseph was claimed by him to be part of the workings of God for him (chap. 41: 51-52, 50: 20).

No matter our condition in our family, in our temptations, hardships or prosperity God is with us. His presence does not protect us from the hatred and vengeance of other people, from slander and lying, from undeserved punishment or disappointment. But God's presence with us does enable us to overcome, to act magnanimously, to achieve God's purpose for us, and to maintain our inner security. God's presence with us is his desire (Matt. 1: 23, 28: 20) and our reward. — GORDON MOYES.

MATURE MEMBERSHIP

C. G. TAYLOR.
N.S.W. President.
1972-1973



By A. G. ELLIOTT

THE 87th Conference climaxed another year of dedicated service and evident growth. Encouragements and notes of genuine optimism were seen on every hand.

"Mature Membership" was the theme chosen by the President, Ron. F. Bartholomew, a Sydney businessman and elder of the church at Hornsby, whose kindly personality has been used by the Holy Spirit in leadership among the congregations throughout the State and in the varied activities of the committees of Conference. In his presidential message, Mr. Bartholomew said:

"By virtue of the tremendous issues which involve us in a changing world, it is my conviction that as individuals and as a brotherhood we need more than ever to be mature—developed—'grown up' members of the Body of Christ. It is one thing to make a claim or state a position but an entirely different thing to live up to that claim. It is the 'living' part that is so essential and critical today."

Another feature of the year was the able and consecrated direction given by Ron. Hewitt who completed his first year as full-time Secretary of Conference.

The Fellowship

Conference really opened on Anzac Day with the all-day Youth Workshop at Stanwell Tops Churches of Christ Camping Centre.

The C.W.F. 77th Annual Conference was also held at Stanwell Tops, under the presidency of Mrs. U. Lewis, the incoming C.W.F. State President being Mrs. C. C. Wakely, of Belmore.

The country ministers met in session at Enmore on the Thursday, while the following day the ministers and their wives gathered at Auburn. Guest speaker for Conference, Gordon Moyes, of Cheltenham, Vic., addressed the ministers, and Mrs. Bosanquet spoke to the ministers' wives.

Business sessions were held at Enmore on Friday night and all-day Saturday, culminating in the grand Induction and Inspirational Rally at night, with Gordon Moyes speaking.

Devotions were brought to the gatherings by Ron. Kallmier and Lionel Berthelsen, and Rev. Alan Scott brought greetings and addressed the delegates on behalf of the B. & F.B.S.

Conference concluded with the Witness Service on the Sunday afternoon in the Sydney Town Hall. Music was appropriately presented by the Conference Choir led by Laurie Thomas and soloists Mrs. Wendy Verco, and Gordon Moyes brought a challenging message.

God's work through the Committees:

Home Missions & Evangelism. At Mount Druitt, Robert Smith's work is seeing much fruit. At Paddington, John Timms is mov-

ing in on a difficult inner-suburban situation. In the Central Coast area, around North Haven-Port Macquarie, though in semi-retirement, Roy Greenhalgh is doing a far-reaching ministry of contact and consolidation. At Enmore, in the midst of a densely-populated migrant community, Roy Dixon is carrying out an untiring pioneering ministry in the establishment of the "Church for all Nations."

Special preaching missions have also been undertaken, with missionaries Des. Nelson and Jack Bond, of W.A., and Eddy Gabbert, of U.S.A.

Aborigines Missions told of the work at Carnarvon, Norseman and Esperance, and emphasis was given to the outreach on the North-west coast of W.A.—and also to the high proportion of N.S.W. personnel on the fields and the need for prayer and support to sustain them.

Woolwich Bible College reported another year of service and consolidation. All last year's exits, eight in number, are serving churches—in Vic., W.A., N.S.W. and N.Z.—and nine new students were welcomed this year. Courses in Missions have been helpfully updated and new courses are being presented in Social Counselling and Communications. Approximately 40% of the courses now major in practical skills and are treated in seminar-tutorial situations rather than in formal lectures.

Accommodation is still a problem, building extensions being held up pending the local municipal council's definition of policy.

Social Service advances included future developments in relation to the proposed nursing home and the appointment of Bob Aldred as part-time chaplain serving also with the Pendle Hill congregation.

The Boys' Home Committee took the opportunity at Conference to publicly honour Arthur Dalton on his retirement as Manager of the home and also to introduce Talbot Smith as the new Manager.

The Department of Christian Education also prominently featured their recently appointed Director, Ron. Kallmier. The new training programme, "Tools" was also announced.

Indonesia—and Future Outreach

During the Overseas Missions' report the work in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides was highlighted. In addition the growing challenge of Indonesia was very much in the minds of the delegates and the following resolution was passed: That this Conference assembled in N.S.W. "Ask the Federal Overseas Mission Board to reconsider the establishment of a New Testa-

ment witness in Indonesia, and in the event of the Board believing it ought not to proceed, this Conference consider the establishment of such a witness in Indonesia; this matter to be discussed at a Special Conference after Federal Conference at which all relevant available facts are to be presented."

Who says impossible?

This imperative question is the theme for the coming year of brotherhood service chosen by the incoming President, Cliff Taylor, minister of the church at Chatswood. In assuming the task of leadership, Mr. Taylor is not daunted by the many obstacles and forces of evil that endeavour to stand athwart the pathway of the on-going church in these days, and with confidence, every member of the Body of Christ should be able to re-echo the challenge of our Lord and Master when he so clearly said, "With God all things are possible!"

Conference Officers for the year 1972-73 were elected as follows: President, C. G. Taylor; President-elect: F. J. Stephenson; Vice-President, J. G. Shaw; Secretary, R. C. Hewitt; Treasurer, I. J. Torode; Associate Secretary, J. V. Ellerby.

MEN'S WORK N.S.W.

The largest group of men, 103, attended this year's Conference Men's Tea, presided over by Charles Nutt, Chairman of the Dept.

Greetings were given by R. Bartholomew, Conf. Pres., and G. Moyes, Vic.

T. W. Bagley presented a scriptural challenge after which it was indicated that two had offered to go and join a "Fix-it" New Hebrides project.

This involves going to the Islands at their own expense for the period mid-August to end of September. A further six to eight men are needed.

Mrs. Camlin of Belmore catered for the meal at short notice, which was gratefully acknowledged.

The "Church for All Nations" (Enmore) was handed a Gestetner duplicator during the Conference session which followed. Some churches have not yet sent in their contribution of 10 cents from each man.—L. C. Yelds, Sec.

N.S.W. COLLEGE NEWS

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." (Romans 1: 16, AV).

"I am not ashamed of the Good News. It is God's power which is at work for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Weymouth).

The Power of God

The Apostle Paul has given us a mighty challenge in his memorable words to the followers of the Lord in the imperial city of Rome when he so clearly and forcefully defines the gospel as GOD'S POWER in human lives—"the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes."

From the very beginnings of the College in N.S.W. this message concerning the gospel has been the theme of students and lecturers. It is still the major emphasis and unflinching purpose of the men and women at Woolwich—to proclaim, and to make known in daily living, the power of God.

Our fervent hope is that all who read these lines will gladly join with us in earnest prayer that this may ever be our sincere and positive goal—in Christ—to make known the power of God in the lives of those who believe.

Open Day

May 6 was "Open Day" at Woolwich and acclaimed by many as rich and reward-

ing in fellowship. The large and interested gathering of folk from the churches who visited the College were able to see, in a small way, some of the things that go on from day to day as men and women are being trained for effective service.

Successive groups of visitors moved around the buildings and grounds of the College in a rotational pattern, sampling a series of lectures, presented by Mr. Chapman, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Farmer and Dr. Elliott—a series of devotional programmes provided by senior students Roy Aitken, Ken Bond, Robert Drown and Trevor Kallmier—and also having a part in the missionary and historical displays which featured certain aspects of the College curriculum and student life.

Farewell to Mrs. Holt

After nine years of devoted service as College housekeeper, Mrs. E. G. Holt has relinquished this position and has handed over to Miss M. Burns, of Chatswood. To mark the occasion and also to express

appreciation of Mrs. Holt's work members of the student body gathered in the lounge of Dr. and Mrs. Elliott on May 8. A happy informal evening, compered by Peter Pitts, was climaxed with a suitable presentation made by Trevor Kallmier, president of the Student Committee.

Woolwich Convention

Students of the College have returned from term holidays and are looking forward to the Woolwich Convention at the Burwood church on July 8. The 2 p.m. session will feature a Missionary Panel consisting of Roy Dixon, Tom Scotland and Cliff Taylor—and a College Panel of students—Ian Borham, Trevor Kallmier and Nigel Merrick. Speakers will be Ken Booth and Ray. Ewers.

The evening Convention Rally will include a "College Focus" and the special message on the theme "In Christ—Victorious" will be delivered by Dr. E. H. Watson, well-known evangelist and convention speaker.—A. G. Elliott.

PROBLEM PANEL

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). Night services have featured a tape-recorded "problem panel," also an "interview time" touching on personal problems and everyday situations . . . C.E. conducted C.W.F. "Mothers' Night." Brian Heal led devotions and young people served supper . . . Mr. Kawai, of Christian Literature Crusade, Japan, spoke to C.E. on May 16, through an interpreter.

MODERN CREED . . .

By DOROTHEE SOLLE

I believe in a God
who did not create the world as something
complete
like a thing that has to remain the same always
who neither rules according to eternal laws
that have to be applied unchangeably
nor to a natural order of rich and poor
experts and uniformed
rulers and ruled.

I believe in a God
who wills the contradiction of the living
and the change of all situations
through our work
through our politics.

I believe in Jesus Christ
who was right when he,
"one individual who cannot do anything"
just as we are,
worked for the change of all situations
and died for it.

Comparing ourselves with him I recognize
how crippled our intelligence is
how suppressed our imagination
how wasted our effort
because we do not live as he lived.

Every day I am afraid that he died in vain
because he is buried in our churches
because we have betrayed his revolution
out of obedience and of fear for authorities.

I believe in Jesus Christ
rising in our lives
that we shall be free of prejudices and
presumptions
of fear and hatred
and that we shall carry on his revolution towards
his Kingdom.

I believe in the Spirit who with Jesus came into
this world,
in the unity of people and in our responsibility
for everything
that will become of this our world either a valley
of misery, hunger and violence
or the city of God.

I believe in the just peace
that is possible
in the possibility of a meaningful life for all
people.
In the future of God's world.
Amen.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

FOREIGN MISSIONS

To the Editor,

When I was a boy they called them Foreign Missions. Then we got squeamish about the "foreign" bit and called them Overseas Missions. I sometimes wonder if we were right. It sort of puts a special aura on missions to foreigners who live somewhere else than Australia. Yet in the last twenty-five years about a million foreigners have come to live right here in Australia where it is ever so much easier and less costly to get to them. If we'd kept it "Foreign Missions" we could have found some way of organising missions to these foreigners whom God seems to have landed right in our midst.

When a missionary goes to foreigners in India we give him three years to do nothing but learn the language. I haven't heard yet of our churches setting someone apart for three years to do nothing but become proficient in Greek or Italian. Yet in some suburbs where we have churches, well over half the population speak these languages.

In foreign lands they have English-speaking churches for British nationals. But no one calls these missionary churches or their ministers missionaries. Maybe our churches in some of these "migrant suburbs" are churches for Australian nationals; and there's nothing wrong with that. But if the great commission means anything we should be seriously thinking of taking the good news as Paul and the others did, to Greeks and Italians. I wonder if we could start with a couple of "friendship centres" like the ones that are so successful in our Indian mission. Maybe one or two of the buildings used by Australian nationals could be used. I suppose even an old shop front would do.

It seems to me that we could change back from "Overseas" to "Foreign" when we talk about missions to aliens. Then we've got some machinery to give a lead to opening up missions in this new foreign field in our midst.

I think I remember that some Greeks came to the disciples saying, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." Maybe they are still coming.

TERTIUS.

OPEN FORUM

RANDALL T. PITTMAN

To the Editor,

The death of R. T. Pittman on May 4 marks, as you so well put it, the "end of an era." The Joseph Pittman family, of which he was the last survivor, made a remarkable contribution to the Christian cause, and to our churches in particular. Because, for several years, I lived in the home of the D. E. Pittmans (former Austral manager), I had the privilege of knowing some members of this family very well and loved them for the quality of their splendid but self-effacing service. Miss

Ettie Pittman at the organ was a great co-worker in my years at Lygon St., Carlton, Vic.

I knew Randall Pittman as a careful, scholarly lecturer at Glen Iris, as a real "minister's friend" when I served at Hampton and as a helpful associate when I later lectured at the College. He was always the same, a true Christian gentleman whose spirit is best seen in his lovely hymn, No. 880 in our hymn book—one of the finest in our selection.

On behalf of others in N.S.W. who, like myself, have precious memories of this good man, I thank God for him—and for such a family.

—C. G. Taylor, N.S.W. Conf. Pres.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To the Editor,

In connection with the 40th International Eucharistic Congress, Melbourne, February 1973, an appeal has come from the Congress organisers to provide bed and breakfast accommodation for visitors as was done so successfully for the Olympic Games.

The Victorian Council of Churches has agreed in principle to the suggestion and any of your members who are willing to help may write to the 40th International Eucharistic Congress, 68 Parliament Place, East Melb., Vic., 3002. All needed information will then be given.

—A. D. Dargaville, Sec., V.C.C.

STATE AID

To the Editor,

The public should realise that next year the Liberal Government has proposed that the taxpayers be forced to subsidise private schools for over \$100 million.

The Liberals propose to force the community to give over \$80 million a year in cash with no public investigation or scrutiny to the Roman Catholic Church.

State Aid was conceived in deceit, born in deceit and is being nurtured in deceit. The latest proposals follow the previous Federal Government's practice of deceit and discrimination.

The proposals have been presented as if the State Schools have been well treated

compared with R.C. schools. However, when the proposals have been examined, the State Schools which serve 78 percent of the school children are to receive \$167 million whilst church schools which serve 22 percent of the school children are to receive \$119 million.

In per capita terms church schools are to receive \$40 per pupil whilst the state schools are to receive \$12.5 per pupil.

The money given to the State Schools is being used to buy off their opposition to the outrageous preferential treatment of the Roman Catholic Church.

When will the politicians realise that State Aid is a bottomless pit, the more the R.C. Church receives the more it demands?

It is time the politicians stopped deluding themselves and scrapped this more expensive F111.

—W. J. Salter (Rev.),
Vic. Protestant Federation.

INDONESIA

To the Editor,

As one who was privileged to exercise a brief preaching ministry in Indonesia, and as one who continues to be challenged by the wide open doors of opportunity in that land, I can only express extreme disappointment and concern at the reports of our Federal Overseas Missions Department, contained in the last edition of the "Christian."

The recurring phrases contained in the report — "as finances allow," "if finances permit," "if such support does not detract from our present work" — not only suggest a lack of faith and vision on the part of our Board, but also reveal a lack of appreciation and insight into the real needs in Indonesia today. Indonesia needs not so much our finances but our men. Men who love the Lord, men who are faithful to his Word, men who can train and equip others to teach and to preach. There are wide open doors for such men today. Tomorrow may be too late. Already urgent pleas have come to us that such men be sent. As a brotherhood we have a glorious opportunity and privilege to be co-labourers together in this ripening harvest field. Surely it is sound missionary strategy to win the winnable while they are winnable.

To suggest that we can discharge our responsibility to this exciting challenge by giving "financial assistance if such support does not detract from our present work" seems to me so totally unbecoming a brotherhood pleading for a restoration of New Testament Christianity.

—Allan Webb (Vic.).

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OVERSEAS EVANGELISTIC TOUR

Queensland Northern Missioner, Doug. Willis, has been invited to conduct evangelistic crusades in Rhodesia in association with American evangelist, Reggie Thomas. Three teams conducting separate meetings will tour Rhodesia commencing on June 4 in Salisbury.

Following preparations for two years, meetings will be held in major cities, towns and native reserves, sponsored by missionaries and local churches of Christ.

There is still opportunity for musically talented Christians willing to serve as song leader, soloist, guitarist, or pianist. Write to Doug. Willis, 17 Scott St., Cairns, Qld., 4870 for details.

RUBY WEDDING SURPRISE

(BALWYN, Vic.). When W. W. Saunders led the evening service he was puzzled by the number of friends from other days and other churches who were present. No puzzle! The church had planned a surprise 40th wedding anniversary gathering for Mr. and Mrs. Saunders. After the service representatives from the brotherhood and from churches also came to share in the time of congratulation and celebration . . . Mrs. Morrison was speaker for Mothers' Day. . . 10 a.m. Sunday service will continue until the business meeting in July.

POLICE ON DRIVING

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., H. R. Fitch). A member of Police Dept. spoke on "Driving" at youth tea on May 7. The screening of "My Favourite Phoney" followed . . . On May 14, a Mothers' Choir assisted at p.m. service. A young man made his decision . . . After 28 years' service, C. W. Sagers has retired from position of church treasurer.

THINGS TO COME

QUEENSLAND

- JUNE:**
 4 Youth Offering.
 18 Opening of Aecnia Ridge Chapel.
 25 D.C.E. Academic Service.
 28-2 July Teen Week — Acacia Ridge.

VICTORIA

- JUNE:**
 2-3 D.C.E. C.Y.F. Commission (Training for Leaders).
 7, 14 "Winter School" at College of the Bible.
 21, 28 Youth Walkabout.
 9-12 C.Y.F. Worship: "Let's Celebrate."
 16 "Impact" Programme for Teenagers.
 23 Girls' Sunday.
 25 Explorers' Mid-Year Tea — Brotherhood Centre.
 26 C.E. Missionary Rally.

JULY

- "ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT" STUDY PROGRAMME.
 CHAIN OF PRAYER — DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS & EVANGELISM.
 2 ANNUAL OFFERING — OVERSEAS MISSIONS.
 9 NATIONAL ABORIGINES' SUNDAY.
 21 Social Service Women's Luncheon, Lower Melb. Town Hall, 12.30 p.m.
 30 D.C.E., F.O.Y.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- JUNE**
 13 OVERSEAS MISSIONS RALLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- JUNE**
 2 State C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 11 a.m. Speakers: Mr. & Mrs. T. Scotland (W.E.C.)

CHRISTIANS IN JAPAN

SEIJI KAWAI, of Hiroshima, Japan, told a Christian Literature Crusade meeting in Sydney that attempts were being made to reintroduce Emperor worship in his country.

Mr. Kawai is one of 30 team members involved in publishing and selling evangelical literature. The Crusade has seven bookshops in Japan and six bookmobiles which tour country areas.

Japan has 1,094,000 nominal Christians, but Mr. Kawai believes that 50% of these are not true followers of Christ. "Many don't believe Jesus is the Christ. They believe we can learn from him. He was a good man, because he stood up against the Emperor."

GOOD RECOVERY

(MANIFOLD HGTS., Vic., A. E. Stevens). The minister is making a good recovery at home after surgery . . . Malcolm Humphries of Norlane spoke on May 7 and introduced a "Renewal" segment for "Strategy for the 70's" . . . Five boys attended Hall's Gap camp . . . The Mission Band is clothing a boy at Norseman Mission . . . R. V. Amos spoke on May 14. At night, C.W.E.F. led a Mothers' Day service and Mrs. Amos gave the message . . . Mark Cole is in hospital following knee operation.

BOX HILL GUEST

(Vic., G. A. Grainger). Trevor Giles was guest speaker at 61st anniversary. Visitors included Country Women's Association and Elderly Citizens. Y.M.C.A. male choir assisted with musical items . . . C.W.F. conducted Mothers' Day gospel service when six young people were baptized . . . C.W.F. visited Blind Centre at Kooyong. . . Explorers finished fifth in Outdoor Sports—"B" Grade basketball team set a new club and court record by defeating opposition 121 to 6 . . . Y.P. assisted in hospital street collections . . . Mr. Cotton, Ron Webster, Trevor Jones, Robert McFarlane and Paul Robinson are ill.

COMMITMENT SERVICE

(LAUNCESTON, Tas., M. D. Hamilton). E. C. Keating (H.M. Field Officer) was guest speaker for Strategy for the '70's Commitment Service on May 7 . . . State Dist. Conf. was held April 22-23 . . . State C.E. Convention was held May 18-21 . . . Mr. Hamilton was at Ministers' Seminar and Vic.-Tas. Conf. Mrs. I. Robertson, Tas. C.W.F. Pres., also attended Vic.-Tas. Conf. . . 100 were at C.W.E.F. Mothers' Night.

CONCERT FOR HOME

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). The "Coronets" grand concert raised \$22 for Morialta Children's Home . . . Women's Dist. Conf., featuring Overseas Missions and Hosp. Chaplaincy, was held here . . . When church officers presented their programme for year, A. R. Jones, Director, Social Service Dept., was speaker. . . Speakers at women's groups have been Mrs. Thornley Thomas and Mrs. Johns.

MISSIONARY WEEK

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). In Missionary Week services, missionary work was shown through films, audio visuals, song, action, and messages. P. Kavanagh was speaker . . . S.S. and church picnic was held at Penguin Beach . . . The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Warmbrunn in the death of her husband . . . B.B. held a soapbox derby at "Gillams" farm.

CHAPEL DEDICATION

(SOUTHPORT, Qld., E. Watson). The chapel, very much in harmony with the Golden Age Retirement Village, with its new brick veneer finish, was officially dedicated on May 13. Also opened was "Carey Court," a new block of low-rental units at the Village . . . 100 children, mostly new contacts, were made through "Holiday Happening," a vacation B.S. led by Miss Jeanine Capuano and Senior Dept. of "Search Squad." Four days of fun and games ended with a party for which C.W.F. provided cakes . . . About 65 girls now attend "Target" meeting each week.

MISSIONS PLANNED

(CHELTENHAM, Vic., G. K. Moyes). The church is preparing for a mission in June with Rev. Norman Pell. A further evangelistic campaign is planned with G. R. Stirling in 1973 . . . Recent speakers have been Ian Corlett, Richard Lawton, and Vincent Tam (of Singapore) . . . 26 C.Y.F. members held their annual camp at Creswick . . . The church takes pride in the appointment of Mrs. Pat Hilbig as Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Secretary.

SUNDAY DRIVE

(MALVERN, Vic., K. Verge-Miss R. Haskell). Elderly Citizens were taken for a Sunday afternoon drive by men of the church. After tea served by the ladies in the church hall, the elderly folk attended the gospel service . . . Worshipers shared a Sunday fellowship meal at Wattle Park following morning service . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jeff May of S.A. and now at the C.O.B., are helping the work at Malvern. Jeff is leader of the B.S. . . A youth group of more than 20 members has been formed with Robyn Haskell, Jeff May and Duncan Crockett as leaders.

NTH. SYDNEY ADDITIONS

(N.S.W., N. Flint). During April there were three decisions and three baptisms. . . On May 10 a school holiday Fun and Fellowship Day was held . . . Mothers' Day was observed on May 14.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, FOOTSCRAY (Vic.)

Commencing Sunday, June 4, and continuing until September 24, the evening services of the church will begin at 5.30 p.m.

Visitors especially welcome.

The church is now located in Gordon Street, on the left, after turning right at Barkly Street.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

STATE AID LIFTED There is no doubt that education in Australia is in a sad way. While it needs much more than money to help put it right, money is also needed. When the Prime Minister announced that an additional grant of \$229,000,000 was to be made over the next five years, it might have seemed at first sight as though the children were in for a better deal. With a second look, however, it appears as though votes and not children were the motive for the grants.

The looming election was even mentioned by the Prime Minister, who stated that the grants would be subject to the Government being elected. For years the Government has been saying that there are constitutional restrictions upon the amount of aid that could be given to private schools. Although the constitution has not been altered, the restrictions seem to have vanished. Newspapers throughout Australia regard the announcement as a major concession to the Democratic Labor Party, whose annual conference in April asked Governments for aid of 50% of school costs. The announcement by Mr. McMahon promises 40%.

The Council for the Defence of Government Schools states that Federal Aid continues on the wrong road by wrong methods leading to a wrong destination. "The \$14.2 million grant proposed to church schools amounts to a further \$56.8 million over the five-year period, making a total of \$286 million to all schools. Of this, church schools get \$119 million and state schools \$167 million. Worked out on a per capita basis church schools will receive \$40 per pupil, state schools will receive \$12.50 per pupil."

POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA The Archbishop of Sydney started something when he spoke of hardship and poverty in Australia. He said that they were the result of economic conditions and that the Federal Government was responsible and should do something. The first reaction was some rather rude noises from Canberra where the politicians suggested that the Archbishop didn't know what he was talking about.

Then it was remembered that it was election year. So Mr. Whitlam went on a church escorted tour to Mt. Druitt and the Prime Minister and Mr. Wentworth were taken by Bishop Hulme-Moir to look over inner-suburban Sydney. The next thing was that twenty-four Anglican bishops supported the view that poverty was widespread and asked for a national enquiry into its causes and cures. As we said, this is election year. It is the time to ask and to receive. The Federal Government immediately announced that it will set up a national enquiry into poverty this year.

The Anglican newspaper "Scene" in an editorial said: "Poverty exists in Australia. It is not starvation. It is seldom hunger or nakedness but it is very real to those who are trapped in it . . . Poverty for old people is having to live on a pension that is now the lowest proportion of average weekly earnings in 20 years . . . Poverty is 250,000 children under the age of six whose mothers must go out to work and for whom the Government has made no provision and has not even bothered to find out where and how they are cared for." Those who are interested in this question, and we all should be, are referred to a Melbourne survey, "People in Poverty" by Henderson, Harcourt, and Harper (Cheshire) where the unemployed, sick, migrants, aged, and large families are considered. First published in 1970 it is still up-to-date enough to disturb. Poverty won't just go away. It will have to be removed.

GOOD GRIEF!! The business of bussing children to Sunday School is an important adjunct to church educational programmes these days and it is not really surprising that eventually the loyal band of bus drivers would receive recognition. This a Baptist church in California proceeded to do. They held a "Rodeo" primarily to honour drivers. Soice was added to the honour with competitions for driving, parking, loading, etc., with trophies and sweepstakes awards. Then, would you believe?, "Four major bus manufacturers will have representatives here with new and used equipment for your inspection, along with tyre salesmen and other merchants . . . Bring your deacons, your drivers and other interested members to this exciting event."

TRAGEDY TAKES FAMILY

(Vic.) An unusual road accident claimed the lives of a whole family on May 9. Keith and Elsie Burch and their three children, Trevor, Craig and Anne-Marie, were travelling by car when the driver of a semi-trailer lost control and his vehicle rolled on the car and the five members of the Burch family were killed. Wayne Knee, a cousin of the three young children, also

died in the accident.

The deep sympathy of the churches is offered to all relatives, especially to Mrs. Burch of the Croydon church (where she is C.W.F. president, and church organiste) and her children, Douglas, David (Keith's twin), Margaret (Mrs. Knee) and Thelma (Mrs. Robin Leach).

Happenings

Mexico has a new Vice-President of the World Convention. He is Daniel Lopez de Lara of Mexico City where the 9th World Convention will be held in 1974. After serving as a pastor in several churches, Senor Lopez de Lara became executive secretary of the Mexican Bible Society. He is now an elder with our Mexico City congregation. Senora Lopez de Lara was a vice-president of the Convention when it met at Edinburgh in 1960. They have six children.

For the first time since World War II the United Church of Christ (Kyodan) in Japan has experienced a drop in membership. The Kyodan was the result of a forced union (by the government) in 1941 and has suffered from internal disputes.

Houding Bartel, a missionary who did not leave China when the Communists took over, is reported dead. He was the last known missionary in China.

The Action for World Development studies in July this year promise to be the most successful co-operative programme ever held in Australia.

Colin Winter, the expelled Bishop of Damaraland, has declared that South African police opened fire on a congregation last January and five were killed. The Bishop said that there was no provocation and no warning.



WEDNESDAY

AT SWANSTON ST., MELB.

"ADVENTURES IN ACTS"

Throughout the month of June there will be lunch-hour services at Swanston St. Church of Christ, Every Wednesday 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

ORMOND (Vic.)

47th ANNIVERSARY, JUNE 25

Home Coming

All past members and friends asked to make a special effort to attend.

11 a.m.: Mr. Ron. Elbourne.

3.30 p.m.: Afternoon Tea & Fellowship.

5 p.m.: Evening Service. Mr. Laurie Barker.

Soloiste: Miss Dulcie Gray.

Contact Alf Knee, 25 Wallen Road, Carnegie, 3163. Business 544 0333, Home 58 2810.

75th CONFERENCE

THE 75th Annual Conference of the West Australian churches, April 4 to 9, met with I Kelvin Parry, minister of the church at Inglewood, as president.

Guest speaker was I. J. Chivell, B.A., Conference Secretary for S.A. The Conference sessions were preceded by the Easter Devotional Service on Good Friday, when the speaker was R. A. Ryall, B.A., minister of the Perth church. This service, which has been a feature of the Conference in this State for very many years, was characterised by the usual large attendance.

Mr. Chivell's conference messages — "His Church," "His Gospel," and "His Promise" — fitted in admirably with the chosen theme — "The Fullness of Christ." (Eph. 1: 23). He also conducted seminars — one for ministers, "Things I Have Seen", and one for church officers, auxiliary leaders, etc., "As Goes The Local Church."

At the President's reception, greetings were given by representatives of the Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, in addition to the Salvation Army. On the Thursday the women of the churches held their 67th Conference.

Business sessions were held throughout Saturday and into the evening. At the Sunday afternoon Conference Sermon gathering, recognition of the retiring President was made, and the incoming President, T. G. O. Banks, was introduced. Mr. Banks, a member of the Wembley church, has been secretary of the Overseas Mission Committee for 25 years.

Points of interest from reports were:

- Aggregate membership increased by 74 to 5,459 while the active membership increased from 3,358 to 3,446.
- Additions by faith and baptism were 254 compared with 240 in 1970.
- A decrease of five Bible School teachers and 179 scholars to 635 and 3,841 respectively.
- Offerings for all purposes increased from \$273,501 to \$318,471.
- Christian Centre expected to be free of debt by Federal Conference.
- Mutual Fund assets exceed \$150,000.
- Outreach and Development Fund disbursed a further \$5,000 to various brotherhood projects.
- Home Mission Committee to place man in Mid-Southern suburbs in 1972 and Northern suburbs in 1973. These are new areas. Plans also for North-West.

The following officers and Committee members are now serving, including those not required to stand for election in 1972:

Executive: T. G. O. Banks (President); J. W. Somerville, B.E., Dip.Ed. (President-elect); K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com. (State Organiser); A. D. Pyne (Secretary); G. A. Ewers (Asst. Secretary); A. E. Chatfield, L.H.A., F.A.S.A., A.C.I.S. (Treasurer); K. J. Parry (Past President); J. K. Bond, Dr. G. J. Hall, H. Heyhoe, B.A., Dip.Ed., F. Rees, A. H. Walkington, B.A., B.Sc., M.Ed.

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I. J. CHIVELL,
Guest Speaker

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Christian Union Committee: J. J. Collingwood, T. A. Morrison, B. Stitt, Mrs. R. Vincent, J. Western.

College of the Bible Committee: A. Cant, Mrs. K. Duffy, R. Morris, T. A. Morrison, K. J. Patterson.

Training Committee: H. Heyhoe, E. Kirk, A. W. Ladbroke, J. A. Manallack, W. Paget, L. H. Park, A. B. Povey, N. B. Wells, B. R. Wesley.

Aged Persons' Homes Board: R. Beard, Mrs. T. Beck, L. Crawford, R. H. Davey, R. Hollett, L. T. Jones, A. Maloney, H. W. Seaby, I. Stewart, R. Vincent, W. Yeomans.

Christian Centre Board of Management: A. M. Bell, J. S. Bridge, D. A. Cook, J. W. Gordon, C. Olds, G. Page, K. J. Patterson, A. B. Povey, A. D. Pyne, R. A. Ryall, F. G. Russell, R. Thomson.

Overseas Missions Committee: T. G. O. Banks, M. Chadwick, Miss R. Connolly, G. J. Hall, W. Lake, R. Marshall, I. R. Moyses; and Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Ryall (Women's Auxiliary representatives).

ABORIGINES' HOSTEL OPENED

(W.A.). Representatives of Federal Conference, Mission Boards and the W.A. Aborigines Committee, attended with 200 members from Perth churches the opening and dedication of our brotherhood's first city hostel for Aboriginal girls. Five miles from Perth, the fine residence was purchased some months ago by the Native Welfare Department who asked the Aborigines Mission Board to staff and run the home. Facilities for 12 girls are provided. Each bedroom provides comfortable living and study conditions for two girls. Recreational facilities include a T.V. room, a large separate games room, and a concrete swimming pool.

G. A. Ewers (Federal Vice-Pres.), A. M. Bell (Mission Board Chairman) and J. Newland from the Welfare Department, stressed the opportunity provided for the girls to continue their education, develop social skills and, most importantly, to meet with Jesus Christ in this truly Christian household.

After turning the key in the front door and declaring the home open, Mr. Ewers led in a prayer of dedication. He said he represented our Australian brotherhood in its support of this new venture by the Aborigines Mission Board. Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Abbott, the house-parents, and for each girl as the family has settled into the life of nearby Dianella church that God will continue to guide and to bless this new ministry.

\$1,000 TARGET REACHED

(SCARBOROUGH, W.A., K. J. Duffy). Annual meeting reported Living Link target of \$1,000 was attained. Average a.m. attendance 86, p.m., 65 . . . 19 have been received into fellowship since Dec. . . . New Board elected P. Maiden chairman; E. D. Hogben sec.; and R. Medcraft, treas. . . . Tenders have been received for extensions to church building . . . 250 attended Sacred Concert arranged by C.W.F.

MINISTERS PRAISE "ALTAR OF LOVE"

PREPARATION FOR OUTREACH

(ARARAT-STAWELL-ST. ARNAUD, Vic., R. L. Baxter). Family services were preparation for Friendship and Outreach programme with E. C. Keating in Sept. . . . J. Bryant has been appointed chairman, officers' board . . . Stawell young people have been involved with Mr. Pickford in renovating chapel interior . . . Stawell C.W.F. raised \$60 at recent Coffee Party. . . . A combined Good Companions' and Boys Explorers' Camp was held at Hall's Gap . . . Ararat C.Y.F. were guests of Dandenong C.Y.F. . . . A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Hutton on leaving St. Arnaud to return to the Carnarvon Mission.

GROWTH AT KENMORE

(Qld., F. L. Ewers). The church has recorded a record attendance of 110. The wedding in the church took place between two Kenmore College students . . . Visiting speakers have included R. McLean and Jay Bacik . . . Youth auxiliaries are under the leadership of College students: Bruce Waters (B.S.), Ralph Bradley (Senior Club), Bill Lockyer (Junior Club) . . . Recent C.W.F. speakers have included Dorothy Howden, New Guinea missionary, and Violet Sampa, Zambian student.

GEELONG BROADCAST

(LATROBE TCE., Vic., R. V. Amos). Mr. Amos was preacher and Mrs. Julie Tripodi was soloiste when the 11 a.m. service was broadcast on April 16 . . . Jack Anderson, a former minister, and Mrs. Anderson, were recent visitors . . . The newly-formed youth choir is much appreciated at evening services . . . Morning coffee session at home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Russenberg raised over \$50 for "Radio the Gospel to India." . . . Attendance at Wednesday Prayer and Fellowship is increasing, with 29 present last meeting.

TO LEAVE IPSWICH

(Qld., E. Stevens). Mr. Stevens has notified the officers' board that he will conclude his ministry on Dec. 31, 1972. He has had three years' successful ministry here . . . Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Row and family following the recent death of her husband, Jack, after a week in hospital. Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. E. Griffiths and Mrs. C. E. Fortescue in the death of their mother, Mrs. Rosenberg. Mrs. Allan Baills is recuperating at home after being in hospital for a month.

"IT has been my practice for several years when uniting couples in marriage to present them with a copy of 'The Altar of Love' by W. R. Hibbert. I impress upon young people the importance of a continuing right relationship with God, and commend the use of the 'Altar of Love' as an excellent aid to daily devotions, especially in the first year of their marriage. The author's wide reading and experience with people (especially young people), coupled with a facility of expression have enabled him to produce a very readable and helpful guide to successful marriage."—Stan Neighbour, (S.A.)

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A new edition, now available, of the 'Altar of Love' will bring the number of published copies to 50,000. The current price is \$2.25 (plus 19c postage) and the book is available at most Christian bookshops.

DEATH OF MRS. WILL CLAY

(Vic.). Florence Ethel Clay, widow of Will H. Clay, died on May 14 at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. She was 94 and had been at the guest home since 1967. The funeral was private. An obituary notice will appear later.

VISITOR FROM EIDSVOLD

(MACKAY, Qld., A. C. Risson). On May 7, Lyle Morris from Eidsvold, spoke to the church and at night showed slides which included his visit with Doug. Willis through the Peninsula . . . The all-age Young People's Club is proving successful . . . For Mothers' Day there was combined B.S. demonstration and service at 10.30 a.m. . . . Visitors are always appreciated as they help to break down the feeling of isolation.

MONTROSE INTEREST FINDER

(Vic., A. Horne-G. J. Chapman). An interest finder was distributed to assist church programming. A "What's On" bulletin was issued to members . . . House churches discussed Racism and Human Relationships . . . R. McKenzie, D.C.E. Director, was recent speaker . . . First issue of our Newsletter issued in May. . . . Val Woff continues to lead Sunday night sing-a-longs . . . C.W.E.F. led evening service, May 14.

POPULAR POT

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., I. Adams). The combined youth "Coffee Pot" is proving popular . . . G. R. Stirling was guest speaker on April 23 . . . A week of visitation preceded the church anniversary at which Barry Jenkins was speaker . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fergus are leaders of Boys' Explorer Clubs . . . Features have been an E.W.F. street stall and a Ladies' Aid jumble sale . . . Mrs. O. Neil and Mrs. Da Fonte are ill in hospital.

50 YEARS AGO

Here and There . . . G. P. Cuttriss was farewelled from Hindmarsh, S.A., on leaving to serve as organising and financial secretary for the Churches of Christ in New Zealand . . . In Sydney, a conference on reunion was held between representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches . . . In about nine months the church at Ararat, Vic., grew from a little church of 10 members meeting in the public hall to a strong church of 172 members meeting in their own new chapel, following two missions with Hinrichsen-Brooker within a year. . . . 455 scholars were added to the church through confession and baptism last year from Victorian Bible Schools. . . . A letter from Will Waterman announced his arrival at Yunnanfu, China. A postscript gave news of the murder by robbers of Dr. Shelton, a missionary from our American churches.

Quote from G.A.S.K. "Undogmatic teaching is the driest, dullest, dreariest thing in the world. It is teaching minus conviction—brief, bright, breezy talks to the people on popular subjects that pass the time away and get nowhere. O my holy aunt, how 'fed up' one gets with that business. It consists only in dressing up platitudes and putting powder on their noses to make them presentable. Undogmatic teaching is so broadminded that it is not deep enough to wet your uppers. It gets nowhere." —G. A. Studdert Kennedy.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

BIRTHS

MULLER (Veal)—To John and Dianne at St. George's, Kew, Vic., on May 15, a daughter—Tania Kaye. Sister for Lisa.

STEVENS—To Lyn and Dare on May 3, 1972, at Melbourne, a daughter—Candice Shannon. Sister for Quentin.

TAYLOR (Chappell)—To Rosalie and Adrian, a daughter—Deborah Sue, born 11-5-72 at G.V.B.H., Shepparton, Vic.

VANDERZEE (Whiting)—Margaret and Peter happily announce the birth of their son, Andrew Peter, on May 17 at Kyneton, Vic.

ENGAGEMENTS

BAULCH-BOON—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baulch, Cavendish, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their eldest daughter, Jennifer, to Kok Yong, of Preston, youngest son of Madame Lee, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

MCDONOUGH-BENTON—Mr. and Mrs. M. McDonough, Orwell St., Wangaratta, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Benton, Crisp St., Wangaratta, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of Janice and Ross.

POWTER-LITTLE—Mr. and Mrs. C. Powter, Glen Waverley, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. H. Little, Ivanhoe, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of Cheryl and Murray.

RUSSENBERG-CARTMEL—Mr. and Mrs. H. Russenberg, Geelong, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. N. Cartmel, Boronia, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of Glenys and Ian.

TINKLER-DAVIS—Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tinkler, Ormond, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Moorabbin, Vic., happily announce the engagement of Helen and Ray.

WHITE-BOXHALL—Mr. and Mrs. M. White, Port Lincoln, S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. L. Boxhall, Hobart, Tas., have much pleasure in sharing with Sue and Graham in the announcement of their engagement in Brisbane.

WILLIAMS-LINZ—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams, of Warragul, Vic. (formerly of Coburg), have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Meryl, 6/138 New St., Brighton, Vic., to David, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Linz, of Moorabbin.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

GRAY-DEASE—Dulcie Gray and Peter Dease announce their approaching marriage at Swanston St. Church of Christ, Melb., on Saturday, June 3, at 5 p.m.

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DEATH

YOUENS, Hannah Margaret (Annie)—Honoured and respected member of the Brighton (Vic.) Church of Christ. Loved member of the Brighton Christian Women's Fellowship, called home May 5, 1972. —Inserted by all her friends of Brighton Church of Christ.

IN MEMORIAM

SMALLEY (Nichols)—In loving memory of my dear sister, Ada Augusta, who passed away May 30, 1971, aged 88. Late of Bendigo, Richmond and Traralgon, Vic.—Inserted by her loving sister, Rhoda Thomas, East Preston, Vic. "Resting where no shadows fall."

THOMPSON—In memory of our dear husband and father, passed away 20-5-1970. "Loved and remembered every day."—His loving wife and daughters, Doris and Alice and families.

WESTERLAND, Stanley Jonas, who passed away June 15, 1967. — Lovingly remembered by his wife and family. "Asleep in Jesus."

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7 p.m.: **M. J. SAVAGE**, President of Conference, Vic.-Tas.

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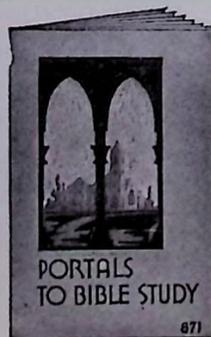
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107TH CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE

THE UNITED RALLY

1972 Conference began with Evangelism. There were 2,300 in the Melbourne Town Hall for the United Evangelistic Rally. Metropolitan churches surrendered their own evening services in the interests of a greater witness and many came from country areas in cars and buses. Before the meeting began and after it closed, there was opportunity for fellowship with new and old friends. The church is a family and Conference is one of the few opportunities we have for meeting with each other. Long after the great doors of the Town Hall were shut, there were many groups still in Collins Street treasuring this meeting place for hearts and minds.

The service was recorded on tape for use in churches in Victoria and Tasmania. In this way congregations may hear Shirley Radford at the organ, the musical items by the "Four Sure" group and the solos of Kay Balls. On this tape are also the message, "Jesus Christ, My Superstar" by Alan Avery of the Dandenong church, and the call by the President, John Alabaster, to make a commitment to personal renewal, church renewal, and for Christian outreach. The great congregation responded by reading the "Affirmations" launching the programme, "Strategy for the '70's."

Applications for the tape-recording should be made to the Conference Secretary, S. H. Wilson, 217 Lonsdale St., Melb., 3000. Alternative dates should be suggested as there are already many calls for it.

MOVEMENTS AND MINUTES

The business sessions were again at Nicholas Hall and occupied four nights. There were differences of opinion on some topics and these differences were expressed strongly enough, but on the whole there was relatively little discussion and a lot of hard work and Christian devotion was confined to the printed handbook.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

This umbrella report takes a short look at a long list of co-operative activities and interests. There are 23 sections and one of them alone lists 15 inter-church partnerships. Perhaps the very magnitude of the area covered defers discussion and even the decline in membership was not mentioned from the floor of Conference. This may indicate that we have become resigned to our losses which were: 282 in church membership and 1,105 in S.S. scholars. Bad enough, but over ten years we have lost 1,813 members, 5,474 scholars and 780 S.S. teachers.

But our concern for persons was evident in John Alabaster's message before the report, and the "Strategy for the '70's" programme which was a part of it. The President reminded us that Christians are in a minority, but it is a minority to which anyone can belong. The Christian church itself began as a minority but demonstrated what a devoted minority can achieve. The "70's" programme reminded us of the needs and of our opportunities. The church has known bad times before, but there are resources available if we will use them.

THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

Over 200 pamphlets have been published by this department and a wide range of subjects has been covered. The improved financial position of the committee has enabled special projects to be undertaken especially in co-operation with the departments of Federal Overseas Missions, Federal Christian Union, Federal Board of Christian Education and the Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive. Discipleship materials in three age-groupings, 10-12 years, 14-16, and adults, are part of these activities.

ABORIGINES' MISSIONS

The calm of Conference was somewhat disturbed by a challenge that the mission report was racist, paternal, and derogatory of Aborigines. Speakers declared that not only was little progress being made, but that the department was not even going in the right direction. Concern for Aborigines



JOHN B. ALABASTER,
President, 1971-1972

is evident everywhere and many are angry that more has not been done to remove injustice and discrimination. The opposition to this report was an expression of that anger. Alan Jenkins, the Vic.-Tas. Secretary, said that constructive criticisms were always welcomed and those had been noted and would be considered. Then he made two points. First he referred to positive contributions that have been and are being made despite admitted limitations of resources and finance. Then he said that those who have strong convictions and positive ideas should seek positions of representation so that they could press their views. He himself said that he was not standing for re-election this year, for no other reason except that of giving an opportunity for new voices to speak for Aborigines. (Conference apparently missed the opportunity of acknowledging the splendid service which Mr. Jenkins has given for so many years.)

CHRISTIAN UNION

This Department acts at both State and Federal levels, provides information, and represents our churches in many inter-church relationships. We are not engaged in union discussions with any other body but we are observers of the development of the Uniting Church of Australia. Our congregations are urged to co-operate in the Action for World Development study programme in July as part of the "Strategy for the '70's" programme. The department's limited finance restricts its realisation of educational and literature programmes.

SOCIAL SERVICE

This report was clouded by the fact that it was the last to be presented by the Secretary, W. T. Atkin. After serving for more than 27 years, he has announced his retirement as from October 31 this year. F. M. Combridge, the man who is to succeed him, said that Will H. Clay, the pioneer Social Service leader, had a prophetic vision of what could be done in the realm of service. It was Will Atkin who translated those dreams into realities, particularly in the well-planned homes for the aged. Mr. Atkin has seen the homes grow in value and usefulness until they are worth well over \$2 million, but Mr. Atkin finds much more satisfaction in the fact that 206 persons are cared for in the homes. The retiring secretary received an extended and well-merited ovation of appreciation from his brethren in conference.

PROPERTIES CORPORATION

Conference moved into high finance with this report and appreciated the skilful and concerned services of the trustees. Investments by depositors total \$1,000,000 and current loans to churches amount to \$705,000. Members with money to invest would do well to think of the Corporation for interest, security, and for co-operative Christian service. Another service of the Department is to act as custodians of property title deeds on behalf of churches. The need for using the Corporation in this way was shown in the case of one church whose deeds are in process of being handed over. There were seven original trustees. Two are active in other churches, three are deceased, and two cannot be traced. Not one of the seven named as trustees is now connected with the church. This kind of thing has happened many times, and it is wise to place the deeds in the safe hands of the Corporation.



MURRAY J. SAVAGE,
President, 1972-1973

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.W.F. Conference moved to a new location at Kew Town Hall for a full day of business and inspiration. It reports an extraordinary amount of dedicated service to a multitude of causes by a multitude of women. Their financial gifts to the brotherhood included \$1,343 to Home Missions, the same amount to Overseas Missions, \$671 to the College of the Bible. The Golden Bag offering (the second-mile giving) resulted in \$2,206 for reduction of the Brotherhood Centre debt, and \$1,000 from the former Catering Committee, also for the Brotherhood Centre. Freda Morris has completed the limit of five years as secretary and is succeeded by Mrs. Pat Hilbig of the Cheltenham church. Mrs. Alice Allison, who has served as treasurer for five years has also resigned and she is succeeded by Mrs. Dora Russell.

IN-BETWEEN FOCUS

Departments report to Conference every second year and in the other year each focuses the attention of delegates on some of its activities. The focal were particularly interesting and well presented. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The D.C.E. projector blew its light and nearly got transferred to unfinished business. When light was restored, an audio-visual prepared by Geo. Mathieson Jnr., showed high quality slide pictures of church and camp educational activities. DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM: Don Smith, the Director, produced the old "magic lantern" of the Will Gale era. At least sixty years old and not used since 1946 some of the old glass slides were screened to recapture personalities and development moods of our yesterdays. To balance the visual scene, Field Officer Ted Keating used the modern projector with first-rate colour slides of H.M. work today.

The use of screen and voice continued with the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP focus presented by R. R. Tippelt and the OVERSEAS MISSION DEPT. which took us on a guided tour of the New Guinea mission field with Judy Simpson as narrator. For the COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE focus, the Principal pretended to be in his office talking to the President about the college. There were numerous "telephone" interruptions which gave Mr. Williams the opportunity to tell the Dept. of Census & Statistics all about the present students, to inform a prospective student what was required of him, etc., etc. When Eric Patterson expressed the thanks of Conference to all who shared, he said that the applause for the Principal left him no option but to present Mr. Williams with an "Oscar" for best performance.

RANDALL THOMAS PITTMAN

1882 — 1972



It was just a few months ago that the church at Hampton, Vic., paid tribute to Mr. Pittman on his 90th birthday. On May 4 his life came to an end very suddenly and unexpectedly. The circumstances of his death suggested that God took into account his character and disposition. In the span of 90 years he devoted his life to the service of Jesus Christ, his Lord and King. His total influence on Churches of Christ cannot be adequately recorded in print.

Randall Thomas Pittman was born in 1882 in England and came to Australia with his parents and family in 1888. He was baptized by his father at Cheltenham in October, 1896, but was received into the Malvern church. He had his membership at Prahran, Windsor, Lygon Street and for 56 years at Hampton. At Hampton he had served as minister, elder and deacon. In 1916 Mr. Pittman offered his services to the church on a voluntary basis. In 1922 he acquired property at the corner of Hampton and Willis Streets and resold the front part to the church under a very gracious arrangement. In 1922 the church building was opened and the speaker was R. T. Pittman. He continued his ministry until a full-time minister was appointed. But the church soon met some difficulties, and Mr. Pittman with two others continued the preaching from 1923 to 1927 when K. A. Jones, a student from the College of the Bible, was appointed to help Mr. Pittman in his work.

Even though physical disabilities hindered him in the last years of his life he never neglected his eldership duties. He still interested himself in Board decisions, clarified points of scripture

THESE WERE DECISIONS

The Ministers' Basic Salary level was increased by \$6.20 per week as from May 1, 1972, and, where possible, to be paid as from Jan. 1, 1972. Through a resolution from Portland, Conference expressed deep concern for rural communities in Victoria, with declining populations and consequent stress placed upon resources and leadership, and called upon the State Government to provide incentives for industries in rural areas. The Executive was requested to establish a Working Group on Rural Reconstruction, co-operating with the Vic. Council of Churches, Australian Frontier, and other groups.

An Equalisation Fund is to be established to assist brotherhood departments which have budgeted for a deficit, or receive less than anticipated for their programme, or which face unanticipated expenditure.

Racism of any kind was condemned and member churches were urged to work to end all forms of discrimination, especially with respect to Aborigines and migrants.

Following debate on the road toll, Conference condemned bad and irresponsible driving, especially when associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs. Churches, as a part of their ministry, were requested to encourage motorists to drive responsibly.

In other resolutions, Conference registered its opposition to the manner in which society permits profits from the utilisation of methods, resources, and products which degrade men; recommended that the Dept. of Social Service sponsor a study programme of the problem of homosexuality; and considered that unwed mothers and their children should be eligible for Commonwealth Social Service entitlements available to other unsupported mothers and children.

Mr. Pittman had a great sense of humour. The Pittmans had the ability to laugh at each other and even went as far as publishing a magazine entitled "Pittmans United." This magazine had skills on members of the family.

Randall was the last of the Pittman family but his nephew Roland and son, Brian, are keeping the Pittman tradition in churches in South Australia.

Mr. Pittman was betrothed to the church and had a great respect for the magnetism of the gospel. He was concerned that the church was using gimmicks to interest people. He believed firmly that the gospel should have power in itself to win people.

The services at Hampton and Springvale were led by J. E. Paver who was assisted by Principal E. L. Williams, representing the College of the Bible, and S. H. Wilson, representing the brotherhood.

Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Henshildwood who were close to him.—J.E.P.

N.Z. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

New Zealand churches will join in an Australian ecumenical programme being run by Action for World Development.

The national director of the campaign, Vaughan Hinton, announced that 10,000 copies of the campaign booklet "Development is for People" had been sent to New Zealand for use there.

Arrangements for the campaign in New Zealand are being made by the New Zealand Commission for Justice and Peace of the Roman Catholic Church and representatives of the National Council of Churches.

LITHUANIAN CATHOLICS PROTEST

Some 17,000 Roman Catholics in Lithuania have complained that they are denied freedom of worship and are subjected to discrimination in secular life. The protest, the most extensive against Soviet authority in recent years, was addressed to the Secretary General of the United Nations. Dr. Kurt Waldheim, and the General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Leonid Brezhnev. The signatories say that priests have been imprisoned, that children are compelled to study atheism, that men have been dismissed from their jobs and that the authorities have not allowed churches to be repaired.—E.P.S.

FULL HARVEST

(FLINDERS PK., S.A., H. S. Prime). The Harvest Festival emphasised that every product of man from materials provided by God . . . is the Harvest. Display included students' books and diplomas, clothing, office equipment, precision tools, printers' supplies, P.M.G. communications display, pattern shop, refrigeration items . . . Holy Week 24-hour vigil for prayer and meditation was maintained. A projection of Salvador Dali's "Christ of St. John of the Cross" in the church lit by candles was a feature. The week ended with combined service with Methodists . . . B.S. teachers and scholars had picnic in Team Teaching groups. Climax was screening of film "I was ashamed." Eleven children responded to discipleship invitation.

ALL-AGE PROGRAMME

(CITY, W.A., R. Ryall). Over 70 attended All-Age Christian Programme on four Wednesday evenings. Creche and Kinders are catered for, Girls' Brigade has 30 girls, young adults are led by Rhonda Rowley, and four adult groups were in study and discussion . . . Visiting speakers have been I. J. Chivell, S.A. Conf. Sec.; T. Banks, 1972 Conf. Pres.; A. D. Pyne, for Federal Conf.; and Miss D. Catts on furlough from New Guinea . . . After 13 years as chairman of the Board of Officers, J. J. Collingwood has retired. He is succeeded by G. A. Ewers . . . Mrs. J. Bridge, Miss Seal, D. Lamont and J. Geary are recovering from serious illnesses. Miss Payne is still very ill.

IN THE OPEN

(FORESTVILLE, S.A., M. Munyard). Between two and three hundred were at an open air after-church programme on the lawn adjacent to the sports area. Music was supplied by the "Light Brigade" and the film "Peter Collins" was screened, followed by a message from Mr. Munyard. . . . There have been three decisions . . . The young people organised the church picnic which began with a car trial to Woodside Oval . . . Many parents and friends saw the B.S. in action on Open Sunday.

CONGREGATION INVOLVED

(HAMPSTEAD GDNS., S.A., L. P. Austin). Church activities with considerable congregational involvement include a weekly women's day group, prayer and Bible study, mid-week prayer meetings, a gospel service committee, and fortnightly counsellor training classes . . . The newly-prepared songbook introduced by Mr. Austin at song and gospel services, together with musical items and other features, has lifted attendances.

WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). C.W.F. presented a programme "Women Through the Ages" in St. George's Anglican Hall at a combined meeting of the Mothers' Union and Women's Guild . . . Speakers on May 14 were Brian Phelps and Ted Thompson. . . . B.S. Intermediates were in camp, May 12-15, at Point Sturt. Brian Busbridge was camp leader and parents were invited on May 14 for a picnic and Mothers' Day service.

The President, Mrs. D. R. Manning, presided over the first Auxiliary meeting in the new Conference year and led the morning meditations. "The Fruits of the Spirit" will be the theme of the morning meditations this year.

Mrs. F. Cooper prepared and presented "Conference Impressions" in a most refreshing manner and much appreciated.

After the announcement of the appointment of Mrs. D. M. Hughes, President-Elect, Mrs. G. A. Ewers led in prayer for her year of preparation.

Fifty ladies attended the day of prayer in the Christian Centre. After basket lunch,

Miss Diana Catts brought a devotional message.

Eighty attended the President's morning tea for C.W.F. presidents, secretaries and treasurers. This provides an informal time of fellowship. The President outlines her programme and aims. Opportunity is given for questions.

Mr. Manallack presented Mrs. J. K. Bond's study "The Lordship of Christ . . . in the Life of the Believer" from the Aust. C.W.F. Handbook 1972-73.

Mrs. C. W. Digwood has returned much refreshed from a sea trip to Singapore.

—D. M. Gordon, Sec.

S.A. WOMEN'S DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"The Role of Christian Women in Today's Society" was the theme of the 12th Annual Conference of the Sth. Eastern District (S.A.) Women held in Mt. Gambier.

The President, Mrs. Fimmell, welcomed 50 ladies to the morning session and 80 in the afternoon, representing the seven conference churches. The Devotional Sessions entitled "Patterns for Living" and "Service is My Business" complemented the thoughts expressed by Dr. T. Clezy the guest speaker.

The late Mrs. Donnell, of Mundalla, was remembered as the Obituary Prayer was offered.

\$104 worth of equipment was provided for the College of the Bible and \$310.78 was sent to the S.A. Christian Education Dept. from the 1971-72 project proceeds. The Hospital Chaplaincy Fund will be the

beneficiary of the 1972-73 project effort.

It was with regret we noted that Keith has had to disband their C.W.F. for the time. However, their active interest as individuals in the broader fields of State and regional organised women's work was very evident.

"The Role of Christian Women in Today's Society" is not easy to define when it relates to responsible public action concerning such matters as "The Little Red Schoolbook", but the business session of Conference proved that there existed a strong awareness of the need for love, concern, integrity and common sense, in any action which may be embarked upon to combat the unacceptable and undesirable elements that exist in society today.

Mrs. Maddern, of Bordertown, was inducted as President for the ensuing year, with Mrs. S. Milne (Bordertown) secretary.

NEW MINISTER

(GERALDTON, W.A.). The long-awaited ministry of Phil Letheby commenced with induction by K. J. Parry . . . All members are able to participate at church council meetings, church life planning, worship fellowship and outreach . . . Minister spoke on "Churches of Christ" at Inter-Church Council . . . New Monday after-school club attracts 40 children. . . . A small bus has been purchased to help S.S. . . . Minister and two members teach scripture in primary schools . . . A Coffee Shop is planned in conjunction with other churches.

THREE ADDITIONS

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe). There have been three recent baptisms. . . . Electric heaters, donated by anonymous church member, have been installed by Murray Tassicker . . . Ladies' Fellowship celebrated Mothers' Day by inviting many mothers. Mrs. Manning of Wembley, was speaker. The B.S. also arranged Mothers' Day service . . . Susan Patmore, of Kemscott church, was recent soloiste.

MAYLANDS' 63rd

(S.A., N. S. Moore). E. W. Heard, H.M. Director, was guest speaker at 63rd church anniversary. At night, members from earlier years gave reminiscences by means of a tape-recorder. The anniversary family picnic was held at Loftia Park . . . The

C.W.F. read the scriptures, led in prayer, and distributed the emblems on Mothers' Day . . . We joined with the Methodist and Congregational churches on May 7 to share in the Congregational anniversary service . . . Youth 3 group (17 and over) meet at the manse after evening services.

BAPTISMS IN THE SEA

(MANDURAH, W.A., R. Cook). There were six recent decisions and it was an impressive event when Arthur Weeks and Philip Bennel were baptized in the sea. Miss Spalding and Miss Dawe were baptized in the church. On May 7, five girls made decisions. Deborah Hayes is helping in Christian studies. For Mothers' Day girls under her care made scones for a surprise evening . . . Clem Kinseman was recent speaker . . . There have been several reconsecrations.

NO MINISTER

(MORAWA, W.A.). The church is helped by Perth speakers during time without a minister. These included K. J. Patterson, T. Banks, and Rev. David Prescott (Anglican) . . . Mr. and Mrs. B. Davis were farewelled on leaving for Broomehill . . . Betty Butler commenced nursing training . . . Matron Forth was guest speaker at May Friendship meeting. . . . The film "God of Creation" was screened . . . Low S.S. attendance due to Sunday sporting fixtures is causing concern.

REVIEWS

DEFEATING DEPRESSION (Pamphlet No. 202)

By Gordon Moyes. (Fed. Lit. Dept.).

This paper on depression is excellent. Gordon Moyes tackles a deeply serious problem in his usual systematic way. Depression is defined, its appalling impress on our society is faced up to, and its manifold causes are listed. I am glad he has taken Churchill as an instance of melancholia; that Mt. Everest of a man for all times; paradoxically irreligious, but deeply religious in that he saw and confronted the threat to Christian civilisation while his betters all over Europe appeared bewildered. It is generally conceded that the life-long Christian and the recent convert alike are less subject to grave depression, and in my experience, Christians recover better and quicker from breakdowns when they do occur. On page 6, Mr. Moyes points up a mistake I have often made of intruding on a profoundly depressed person with prayer and the scriptures when in retrospect I have found silent prayer and formal doctoring would have served the patient better. A Christian minister I know tells people we should be thankful for depression as it is God calling to us to do something about our lives.

Much depression can be avoided or minimised by Paul's training for the "evil day"; readiness is a recurring theme of Paul. I do agree with Gordon Moyes' programme—prayer; reading of the Bible, especially the Psalms; and carrying out the ordinary religious duties of one's church; all these contribute greatly to personal and community mental health.

Mr. Moyes has drawn from his pastoral life and wide reading these wise guidelines to give us hope in dealing with our own bouts of the "black dog," and helping others afflicted with depression.—(Dr.) P.M.P.

STUDY GUIDE TO EPHESIANS

By Francis Foulkes. (Inter-Varsity Press).

Many people cherish Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians as the greatest and best-loved of all the apostle's letters. It ranges far above all controversy, and rings with exultant certitude. Its doctrine is expressed in hymns of praise and prayer.

The one great aim is to show to its readers the amazing purpose of God in his Son, Jesus Christ, and how he is working out that purpose in his church.

Those who have been at enmity with God have been brought to peace and unity by the reconciliation that Christ has been made possible.

The nature of the new life must replace the old—truth, honesty, love must replace falsehood and bitterness, light replace darkness.

The letter closes with the reminder that the Christian life is conflict against spiritual powers of evil. Mr. Foulkes' book is graciously written, many who enjoy it will be moved to return to Ephesians to dig still deeper into its priceless treasures.—J.E.B.

SUPERSTAR, a study based on Rock Opera, Jesus Christ, Superstar.

By Mary-Ruth Marshall (Study 1, Leaders' Guide, 75c each).

What are we to make of this Rock Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar—now amongst us in concert form and the main attraction at the Adelaide Festival of Arts, no less? Mary-Ruth Marshall of the Joint Board of Christian Education suggests that a close scrutiny of the text of the opera will give a new slant on Jesus and the internal and external pressures which drove him to the cross. She has written a study book called Superstar, and a Leaders' Guide to go with it, which suggests ways in which the record of the opera can be used as a discussion starter. The study book is a very eye-catching affair in the currently approved style with bold drawings and hand lettering in red on yellow pages. It contains the full text of the opera, and is worth its price just for that.

The text has to be the starting point for any consideration of Jesus Christ Superstar, because, quite frankly, it's a theological and historical hotch potch. The author apparently wanted to flesh Jesus out a bit—giving him that extra human dimension which the usual churchy picture lacks. The trouble is, he didn't go far enough. He didn't speculate enough about the reasons for the events of the last week in Jerusalem. He leaves us with that curiously unsatisfied feeling that we have after seeing a film in which the characters do tremendous deeds for no good reason. Motivation — that's what we want to know about. Why? Why

did Judas turn bad? Why did Peter lose his nerve? Why did Pilate chicken out? Why did powerful old Annas get so riled about a boy from the provinces? It's not enough to refer to externals as in: "Oh he had to die because he was the Son of God." For goodness sake, if I claimed to be the Son of God I could reasonably expect to be locked up, but not crucified!

However, Tim Rice, who wrote Superstar, does raise some of the questions listed above. And the great thing about Mary-Ruth Marshall's study is that she capitalises on these questions. She suggests four different ways of treating the opera in the Leaders' Guide — and the best suggestion is the last. Approach D, is "an approach based on the questions posed in the song 'Superstar.'" Actually the questions are not limited to those raised in that one song, which is just as well. There are plenty of good questions asked in all the songs.

The text of Superstar is a mixture of bad history, bad theology and bad psychology. But it does ask the right questions, and Mary-Ruth Marshall does a splendid job of building a study around those questions.

The Superstar study could be expensive, unless you own or can borrow the record. You'll need the record (which is a two-disc set), the study books, leaders' guide and perhaps one of the sets of slides recommended in the leaders' guide at \$3, as well as other pieces of material recommended at various points in the procedure. It is spread over four sessions—but still it's a lot.

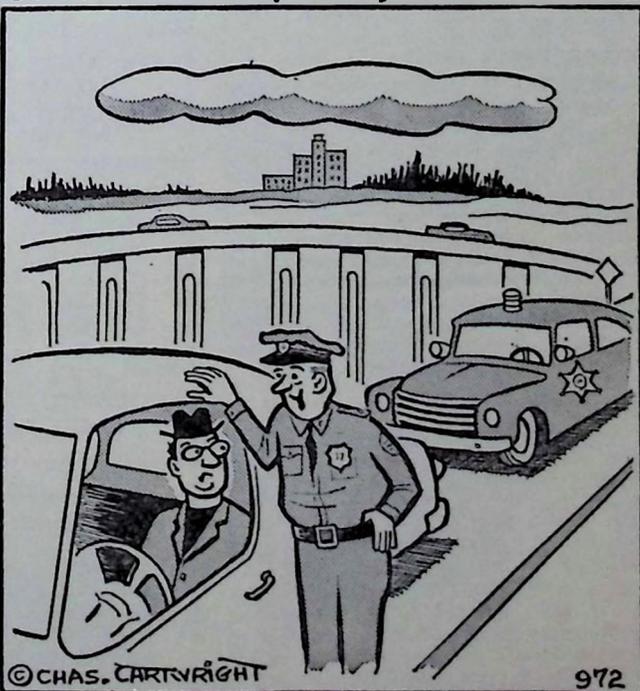
—Terry Lane.

A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF THE MUSHROOM MYTH

By John C. King. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$3.55.

Those best-sellers, "Worlds in Collision" and "Chariots of the Gods" were understandable enough. They were both money-spinners cashing in on religious sensationalism. The books could be ignored because the authors were without authority. Presented as serious contributions to historical research they were too much akin to space-fiction. But when John M. Allegro published "The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross," the author had impressive standing as author of "The Dead Sea Scrolls." His thesis in "The Mushroom" is that the Christian religion has its origin in an ancient fertility cult based on the worship of the "sacred" mushroom. John King has no trouble in demonstrating that the very wise can sometimes be very foolish. We do not think that Mr. Allegro won many to his point of view, but if there are any who have been troubled by the mushroom, this is an excellent corrective.

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"Hope you won't mind my callin' your attention to a couple of little trespasses."

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MAN AND HIS DOG

(WARRACKNABEAL, Vic., Miss N. Hall). Cyril Minns and his guide dog visited here . . . Mrs. A. Parsons has celebrated her 88th birthday . . . The Sherriff family returned from Horsham for our picnic at the Evans place and Reg. Evans gave a sheep for the barbecue . . . John Harmer has been elected an officer and H. Parsons is treas. . . Youth from Horsham visited here on recent Sunday morning and Miss Bell took the service . . . M. Jonasson is teaching in S.S. . . . Young people paid a week-end visit to Mildura.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

(NTH. ESSENDON, Vic., W. Jenkins). After many years of splendid service, David Ploog has retired from office of secretary. His position has been filled by John Dunstan . . . S. Blythe and Mrs. L. Bridger have been added to Board . . . Recent speakers were Miss Hazel Skuce and G. R. Stirling . . . A church picnic was held recently at Yan Yean . . . B.S. Intermediates met with similar groups from other denominations on April 30 . . . Christian Life study groups were held in homes in April.

YOUTH NIGHT

(ST. KILDA, Vic., D. Hutchins). Soloists at recent youth service were Dorothy Alcorn and Robyn Caudwell. Russell Allison was interviewed by Mr. Hutchins, and Pamela Bowers from the College was preacher . . . St. Kilda Council has granted permission for Open Air witnessing in Fitzroy St. on Sat. evenings. A team from the College will co-operate with the church. . . The church meeting approved renovations to property and to musical instruments . . . The C.M.F. will carry out painting . . . College students will assist in coffee lounge project.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

(Vic.). The Opportunity Shop operated by the Croydon church is now at 2-10 Main St., Croydon, opposite the Cool Stores. Cheques for \$250 were forwarded to both our Social Service and Aboriginal Mission Departments in February, the latter for homes for aged Aborigines at Carnarvon. School Chaplains are also supported. Stock comes from unexpected quarters, including sources outside the church. The efforts of the manageress, Mrs. Munro, and other ladies are appreciated. The Ringwood and Montrose churches also take special interest in the shop.

Y.F.C. TEAM

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Clive Stebbins was speaker when Youth for Christ team led monthly youth service. Two girls made decisions . . . Mrs. Clark was baptized at April morning family service . . . "Training for Service" classes were led by Richard Lawton (F.B.C.E.) and G. R. Stirling (Vice-Principal C.O.B.). . . C.W.F. attended A.C.W. Convention at Footscray Presb. Church . . . C.W.F. member, Mrs. Brown, showed slides of her N.Z. visit at open C.W.E.F. night . . . Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dyson and Malcolm on leaving for Carnegie . . . Mrs. B. Condon and her son, John, are on visit to the U.S.A.

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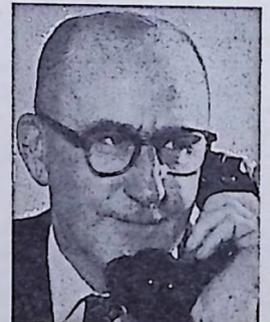
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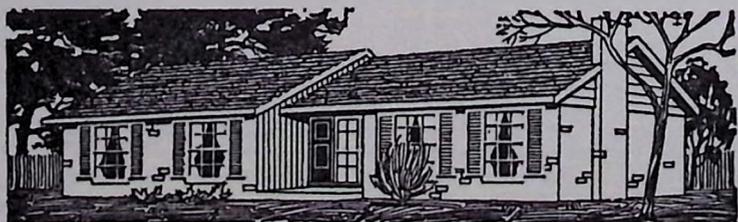
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RETURN TO NEW GUINEA . . .

Having just returned to our New Guinea field after a furlough of some 20 months, we have been able the more acutely to appreciate the changes that have taken place in that time. Everywhere there is evidence of growth.

Bunapas, our central station, is becoming more like a small township every day, while an airstrip completed at Bunam and

when all we could really do was pray for our young brothers and sisters in Christ. However, on our return, we rejoiced greatly to find that the two young churches had been meeting regularly, although very often a missionary was not able to be with them. Several young people have shown a real growth in spiritual development. For this we praise God.

Naturally they have a lot to contend with. Although not far removed from their primitive ways, we always know that Christians are growing when they evidence the 'new morality' of the New Testament. Some young Christians are voicing their concern at being expected either to participate in, or be the recipients of practices which they now consider to be quite immoral and definitely sub-Christian. They need courage, support and determination to stand up for their new beliefs in the face of almost certain opposition from the tribal elders.

Christian Conventions are being held in the Ramu and Keram River areas now with opportunity to deepen lives in faith and responsiveness to Our Lord. I am helping two of our young hopefuls from the villages of Temnung and Minung to prepare messages on the Holy Spirit for the coming Convention. The emphasis more and more in these Conventions is for indigenous participation with missionaries taking a back seat as much as possible. It could well be that our time is limited in New Guinea, what with the clamouring for independence and the uncertainty of a continued "open door." We all feel a constraining of the Lord to do whatever is possible to help create a fully autonomous indigenous Church of Christ to the Name of Our Lord and Saviour.

Do stand with us in these days of great opportunity for the Gospel in New Guinea.

By R. WHAN

another in process of construction at Mui greatly facilitates movement of personnel and supplies to and from these strategic centres on the Keram river and its tributary.

In that same 20-month period, central schools have been set up at Bunapas and Chungribu catering for all grades to standard six. Children attend from miles around. Many of these children are boarders.

Last term on the field, I was teaching in the Pir area, some 12 miles from Bunapas, but I am currently responsible for the spiritual welfare of the lower Ramu River churches — five in all. There is great satisfaction in the spiritual growth in the lives of many young Christians in the Pir area.

Last term, because of medical reasons, we returned to Australia just prior to the baptism of 75 folk from the Pir, Temnung and Minung villages, thus leaving a considerable number of young Christians without a missionary "sitting down" amongst them. Well, you can imagine our deep concern during those 20 months in Australia

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THE SEVENTH SON (see last issue).

When the boy (whose name was David) reached the house, he learned that the visitor was Samuel, the great prophet and leader. Samuel told David that some day he would be king. (See the whole story in 1 Samuel 16).

JOCK got a job on a railway station. When the first train came in, however, he forgot the name of the station, so he called out:

"Here ye are for where ye are going. All in there for here, come out."

ABORIGINES ARE SMART

The Torres Strait Islanders use sucker fish to catch turtles. Sucker fish are about two feet long and have a small sucker disc at the top of their heads which acts as a vacuum. They like turtles and simply attach themselves to a turtle with their sucker disc which is so powerful that a strong man cannot remove it. The Aborigines trail an empty turtle shell from their boat and sucker fish attach themselves to it, and the shell is hauled aboard. Lines are then attached to the tails of the captured fish and thrown back into the water. When a turtle passes the fish fasten onto it by their suckers and the fisherman simply hauls in the turtle.

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THE LAST WORD . . .

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It is not Loss,
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No happy smile,
No pressing needs to meet,
Only time and space between
And yet, not forgetfulness.

For where Love has grown
There is not Loss,
Only the joy of a Presence gone.
For Love that was, still is.
And this again I know:
That life must have
Some silent halls.

—Eugenia G. Brown.



To make a success of old age, one has to start young.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"I see the heavens opened and Jesus the Messiah standing beside God."
(Stephen).

Some church members who say "Our Father" on Sunday go around the rest of the week acting like orphans.



Count your obligations
Name them one by one
And it will surprise you
What the Lord wants done.



Hush Money: The fee paid to a baby-sitter.



There's really nothing wrong with you
Except, perhaps, your point of view,
And even that will turn out fine,
Once it becomes the same as mine.

After looking at thermometers for several minutes, a woman finally picked one. "I'll take this Fahrenheit one," she said to the clerk. "I know this is a good brand."



What is needed today is a little less publicity on how to stay young, and more on how to grow up.



The husband came home from work, and received an extra-special kiss from his wife.

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